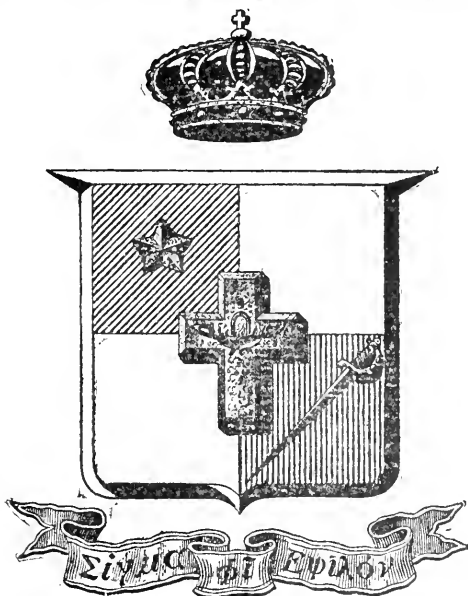


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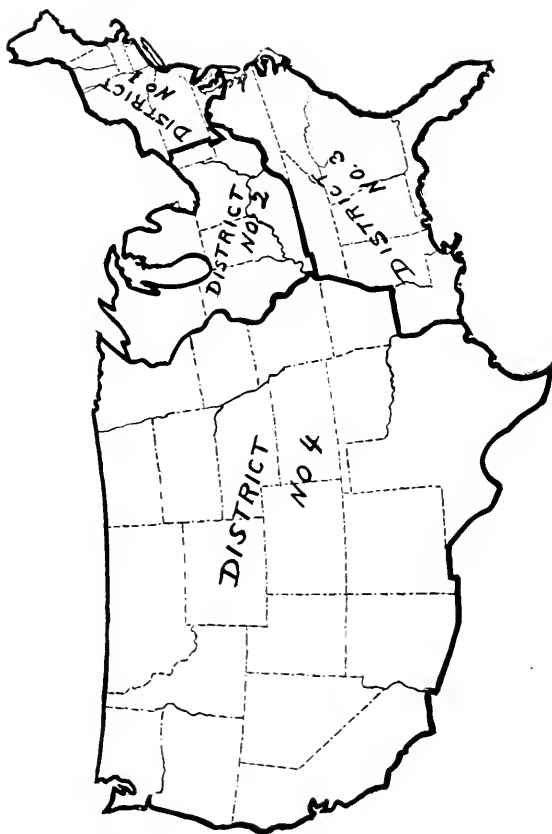
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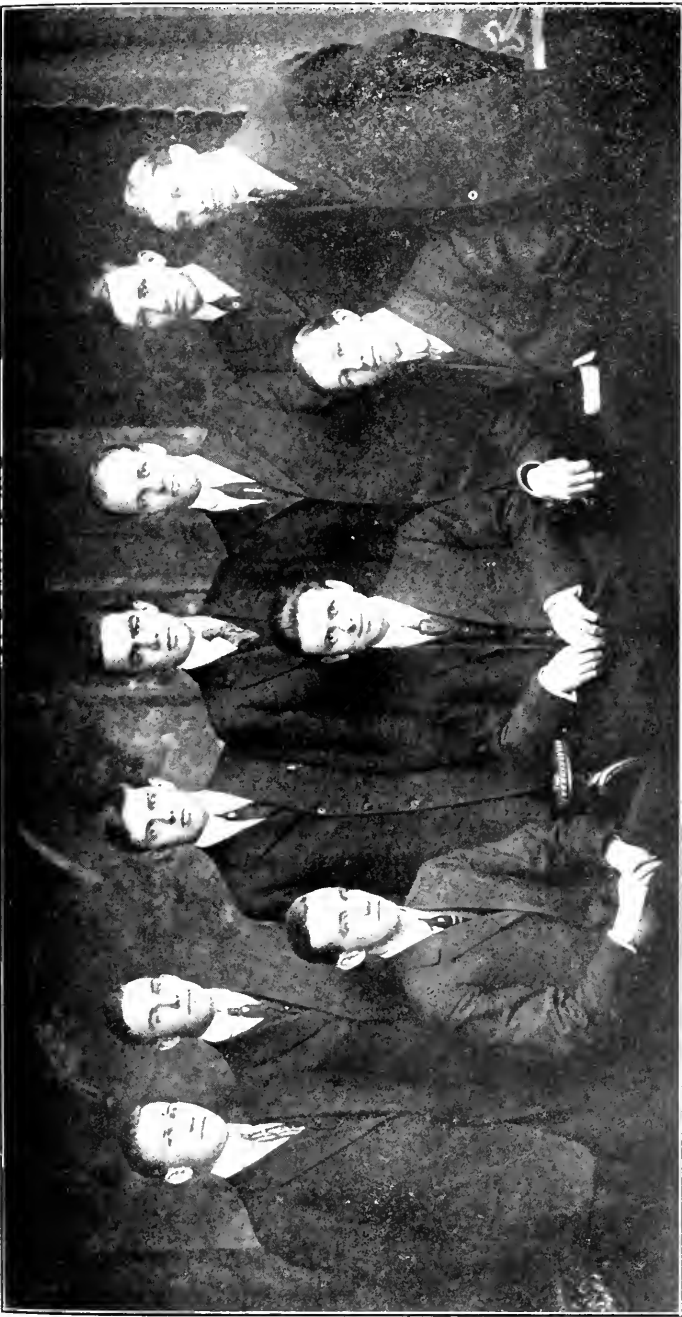


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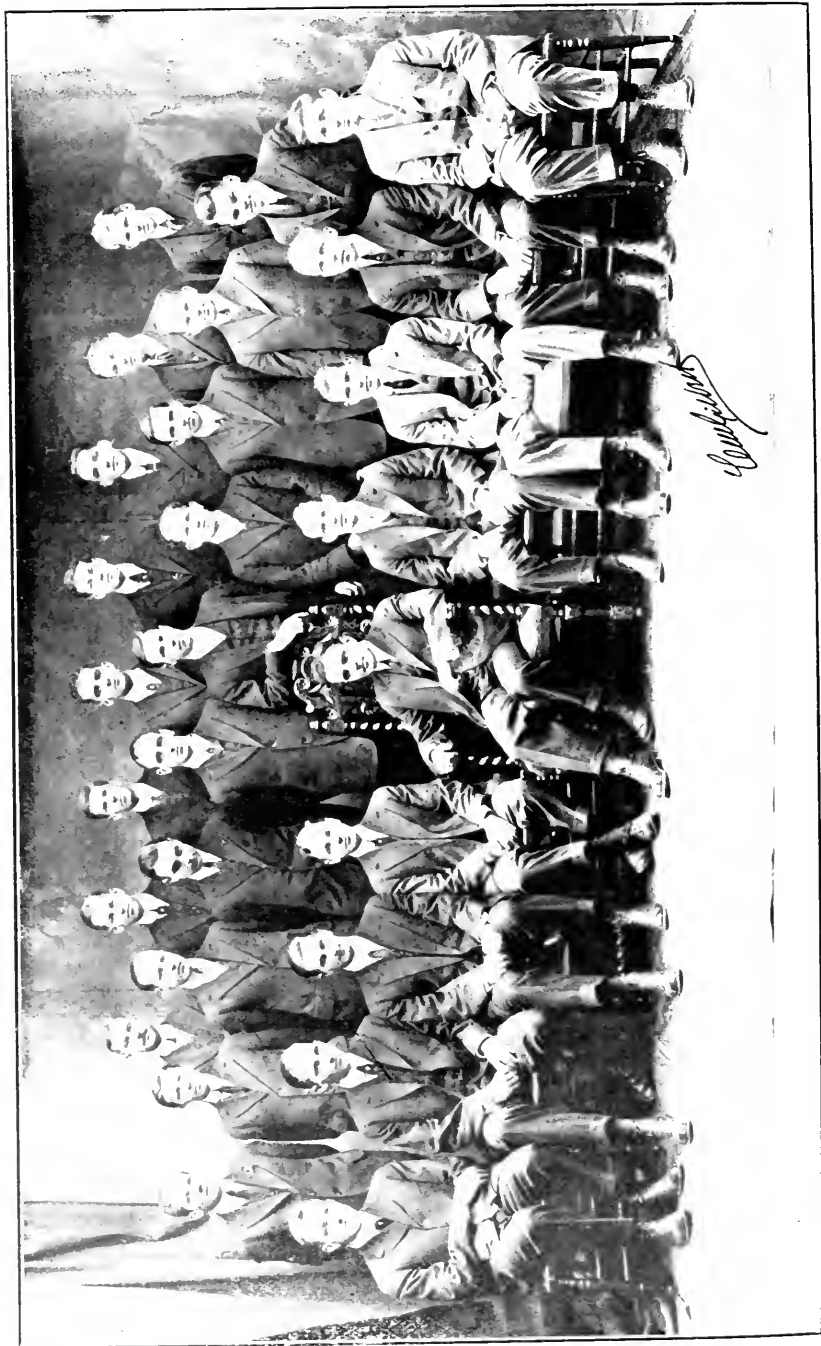
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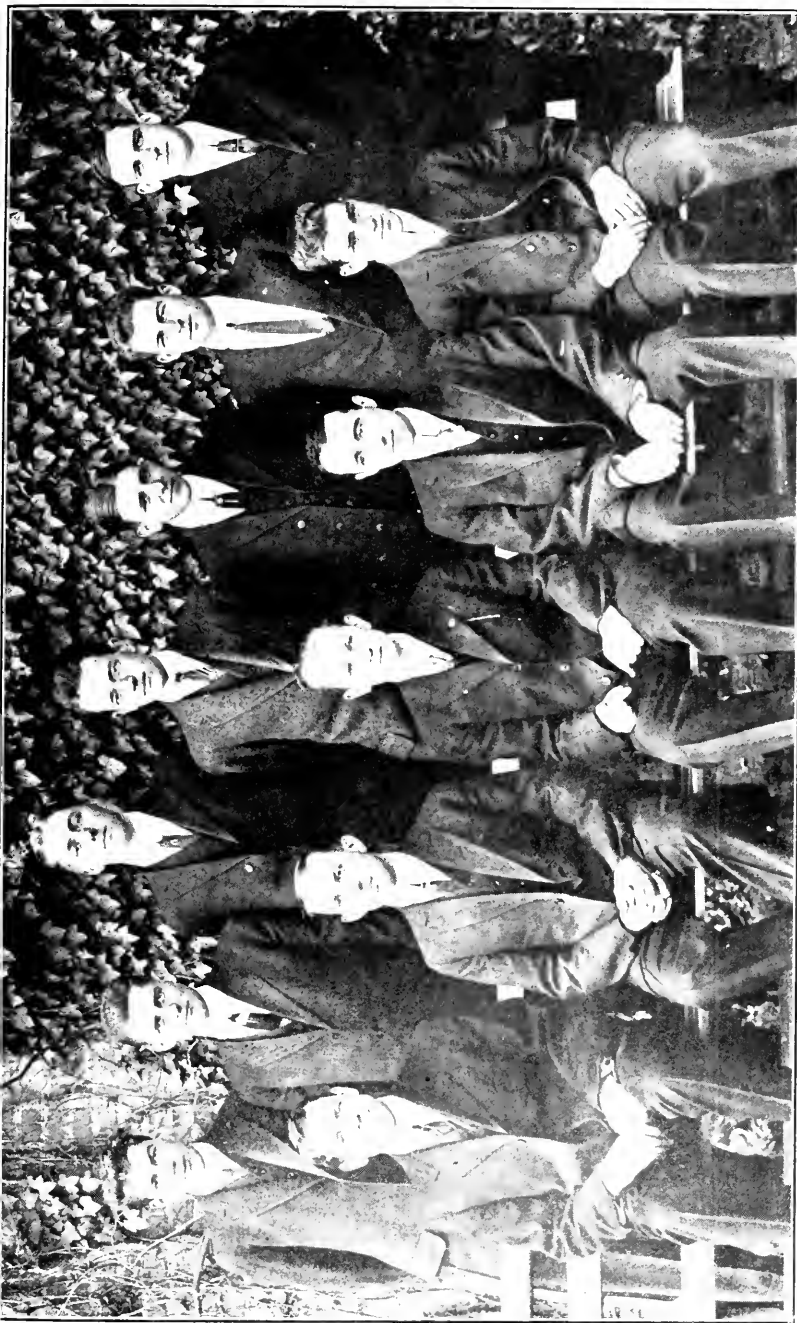


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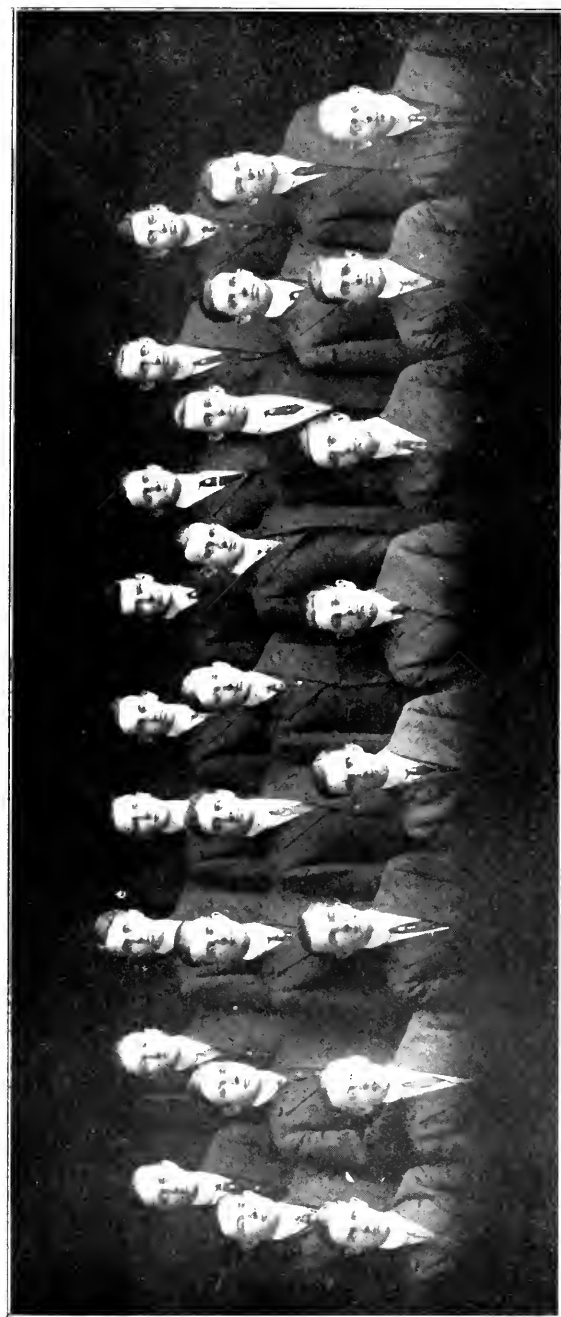
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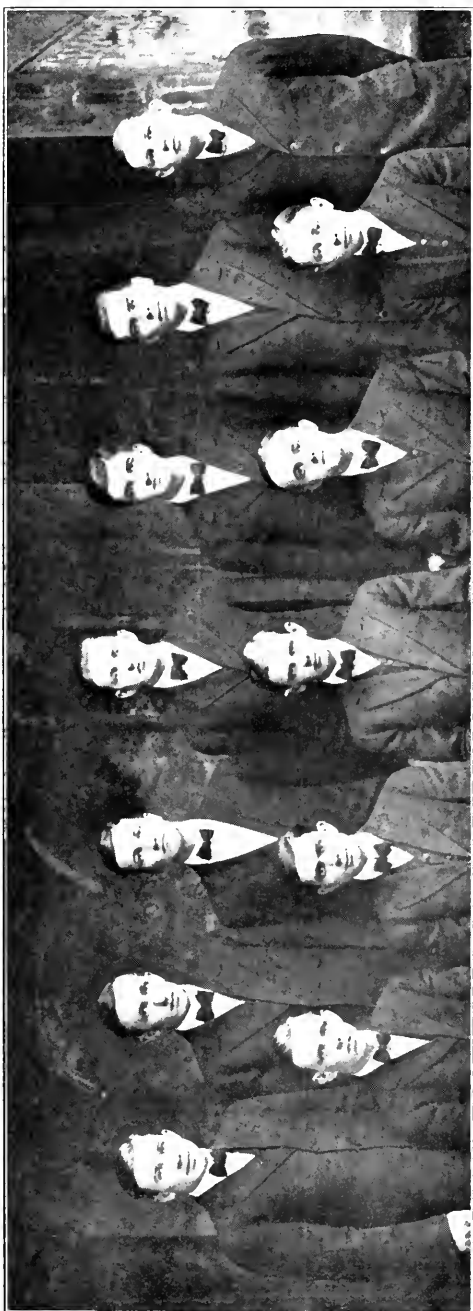
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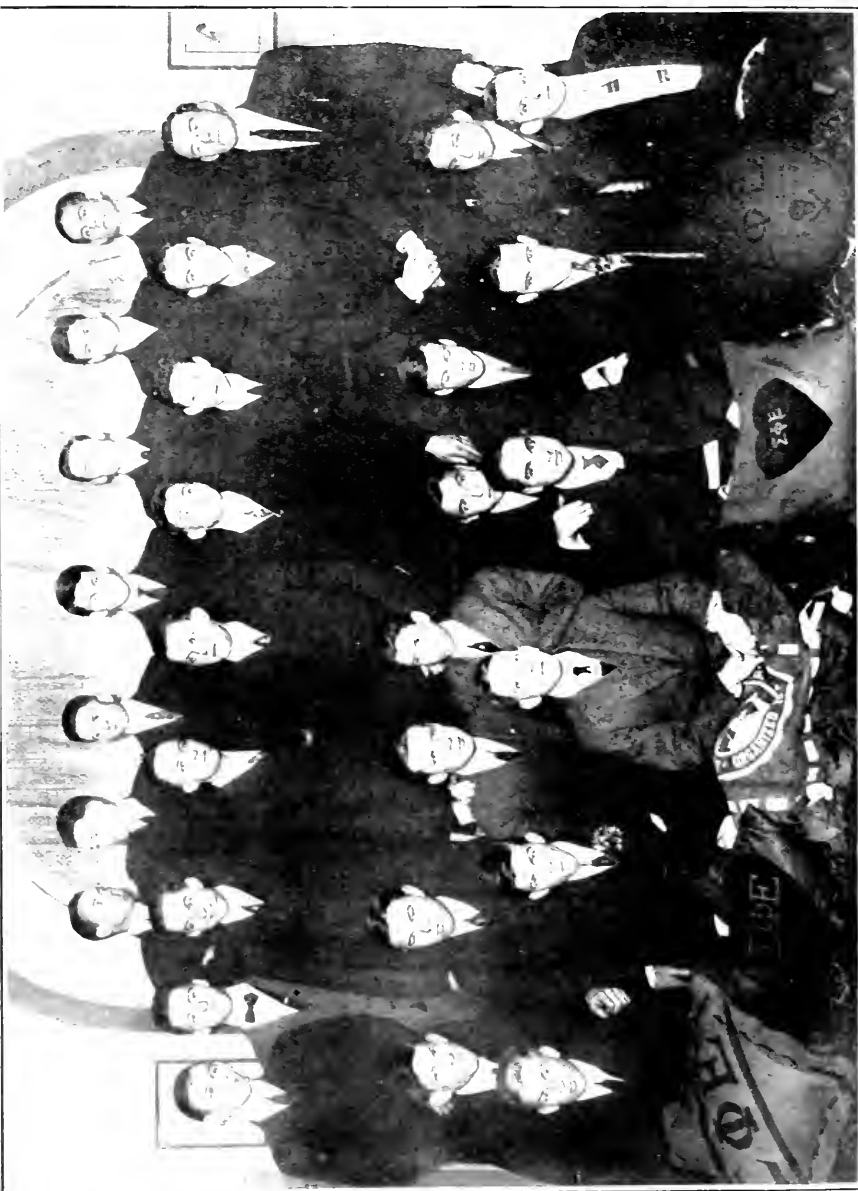
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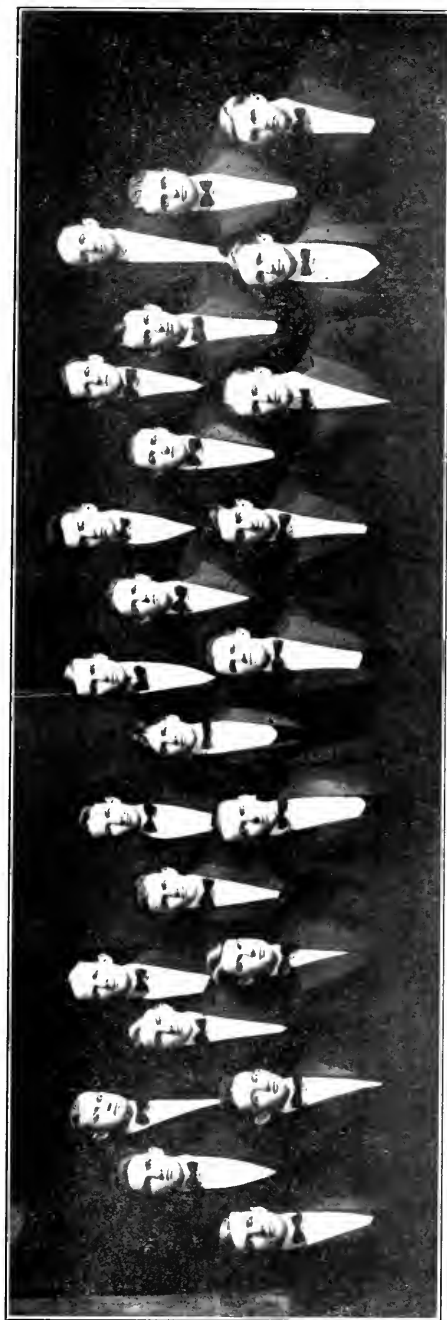
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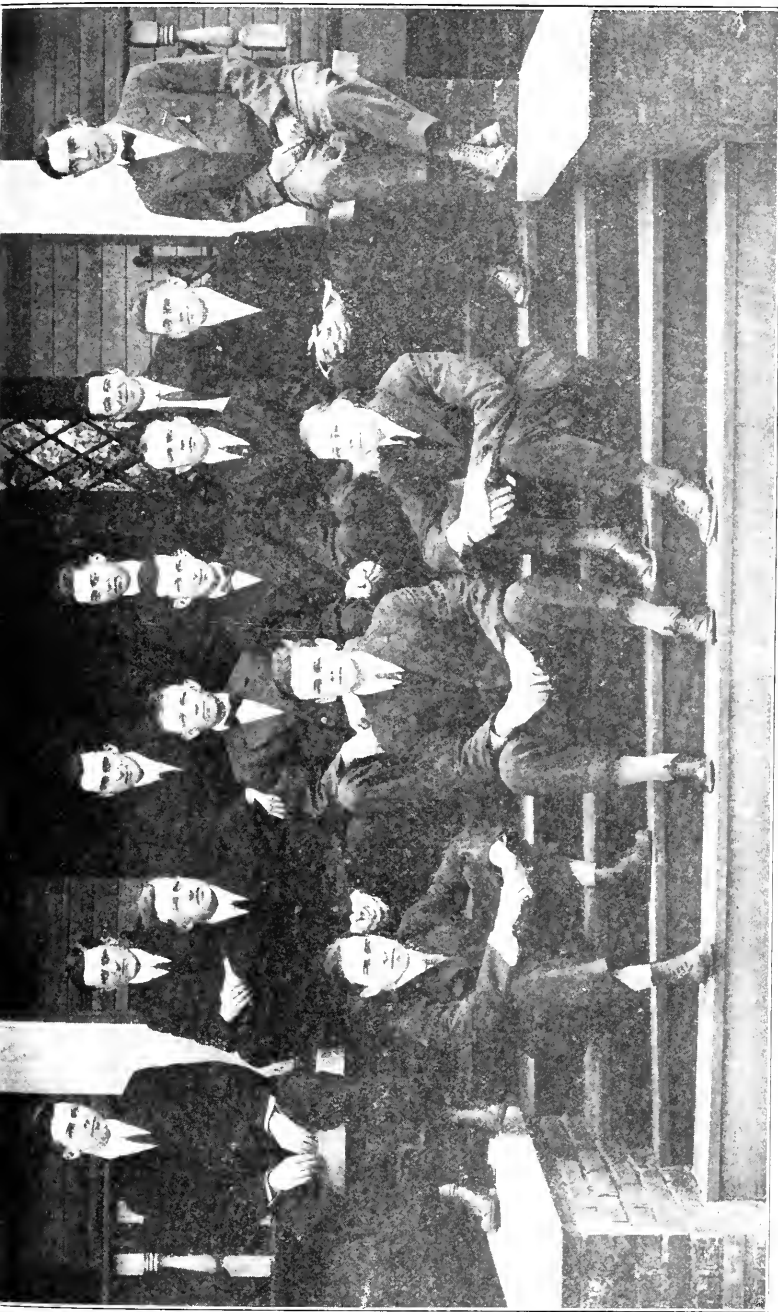
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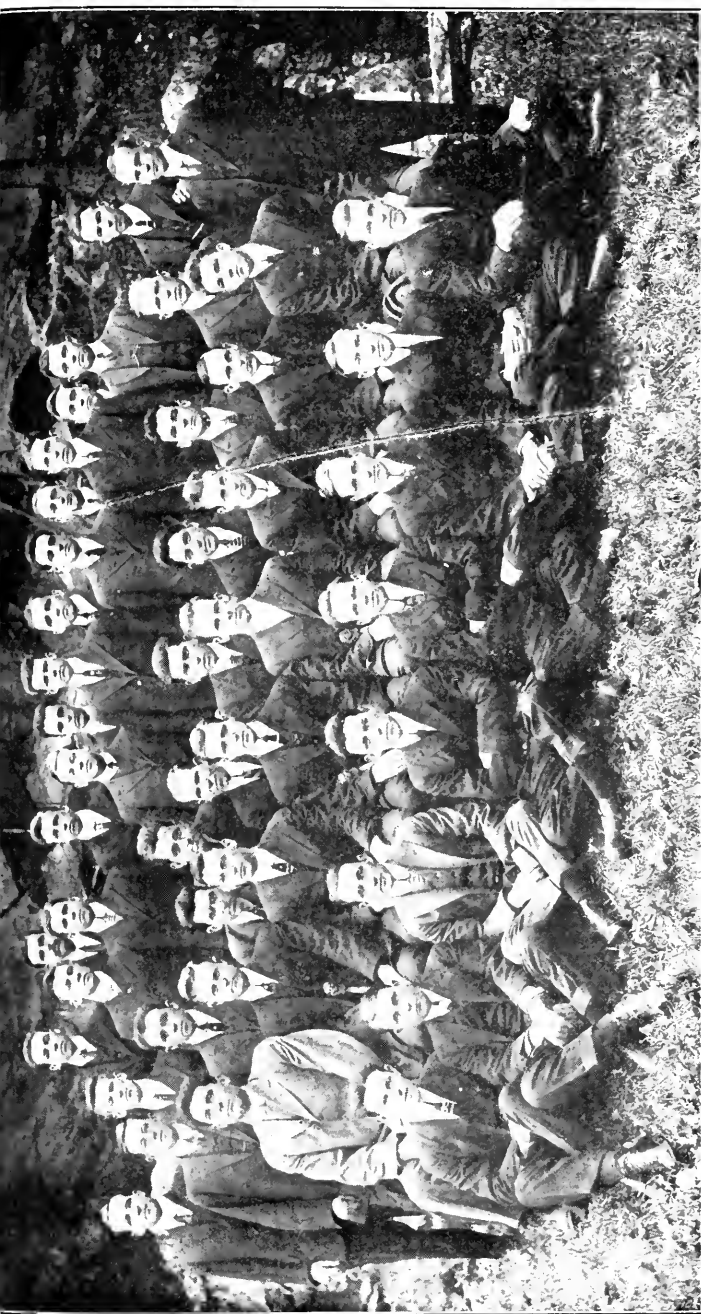
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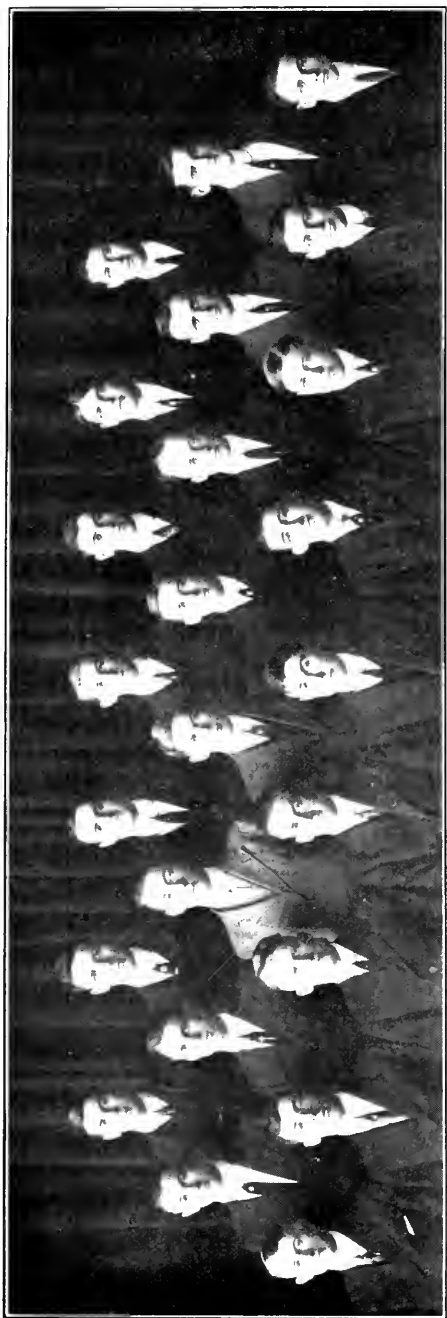
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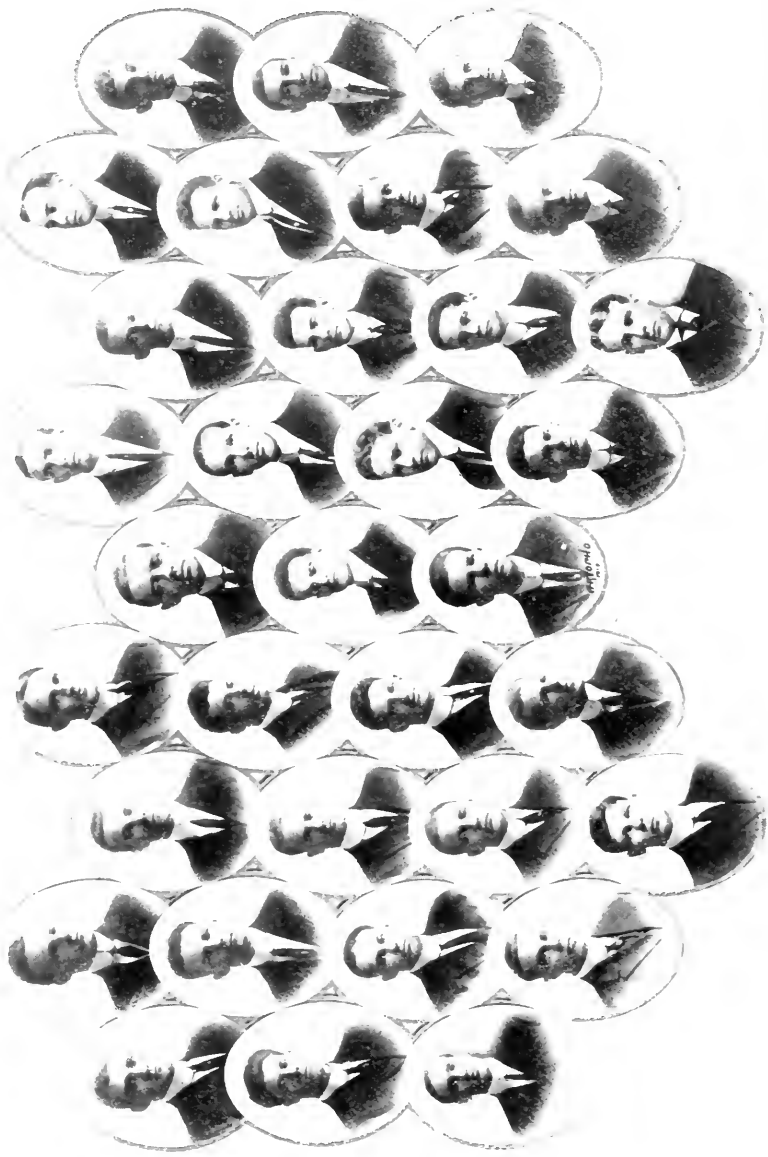
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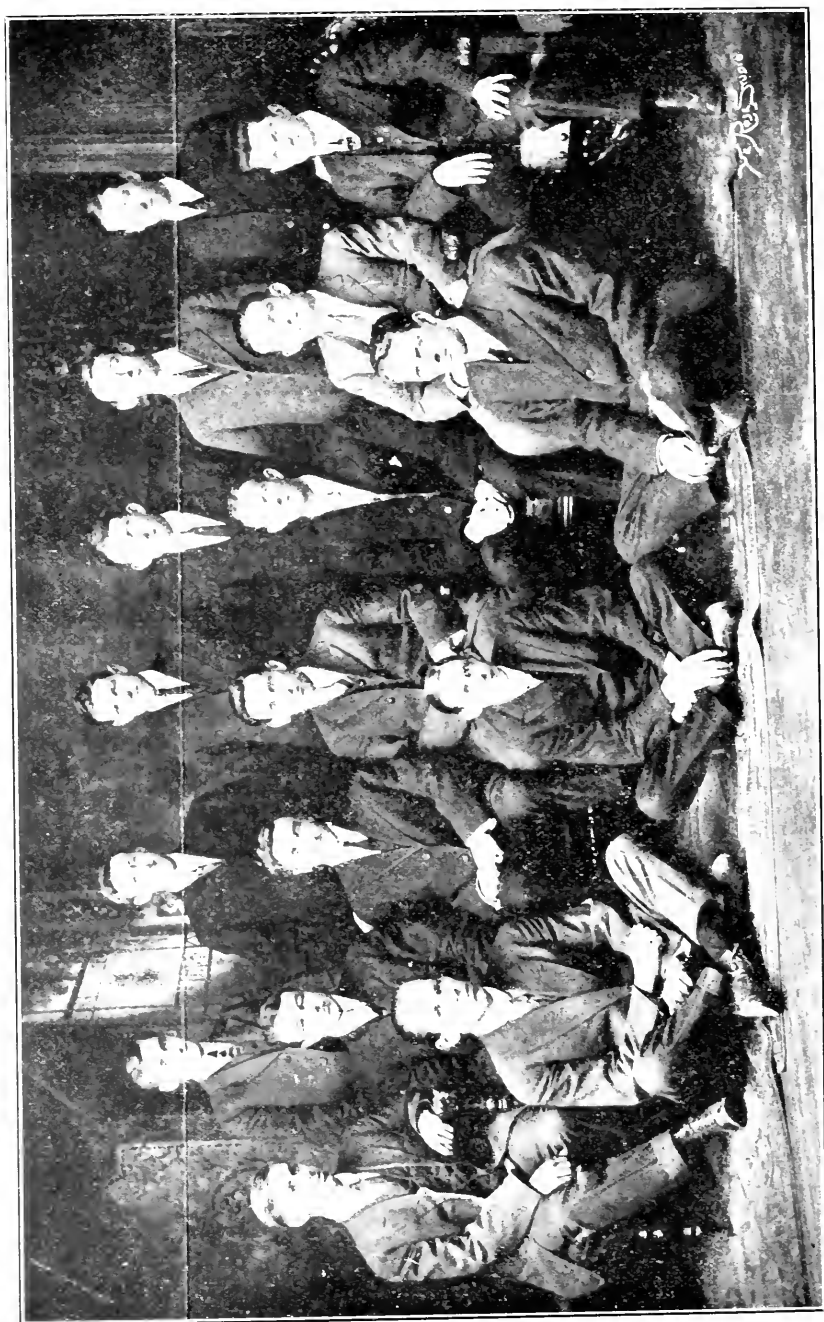
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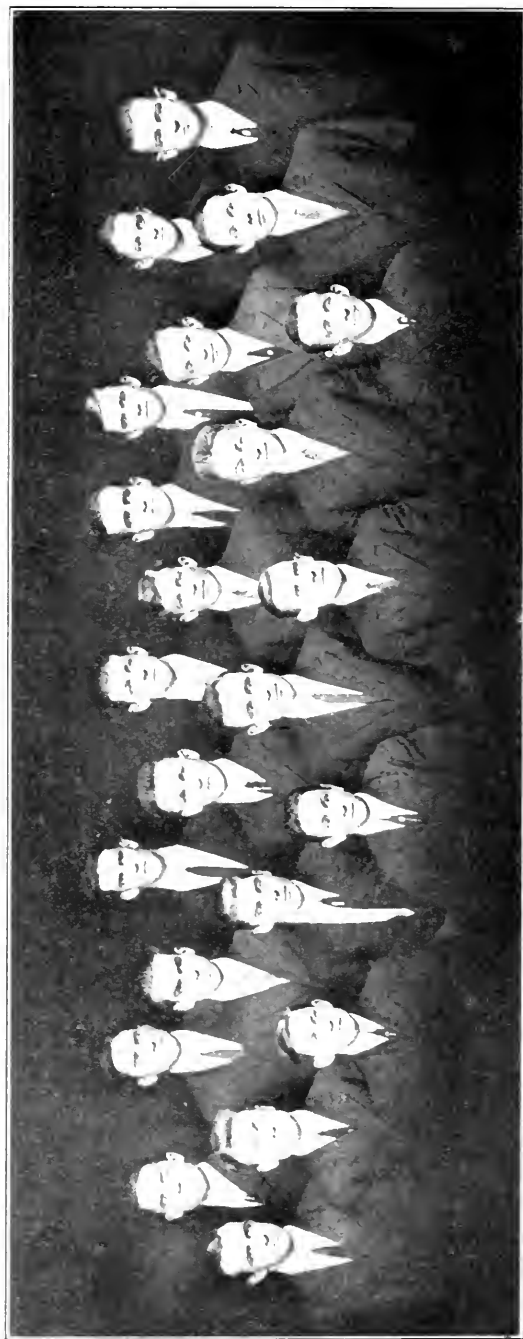


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THE FOURTH INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE.

[The following article about the Fourth Inter-Fraternity Conference has been on our desk for some time, but lack of space has made it necessary to omit it from previous issues. We are very much indebted to Mr. Geo. Banta for the article, who very kindly consented to write the same for our JOURNAL on request of the Editor.]

The Inter-Fraternity Conference met in its fourth session at the University Club in New York City on Saturday, November 20, 1912. Twenty-six fraternities were fully represented and before the session closed two others were admitted to full membership, making a total representation in an official way of twenty-eight fraternities. In addition to the regular attendance, representatives from two fraternities not members of the association were registered and attended throughout the sessions.

It is difficult to set forth in cold type the proceedings of the meeting for the reason that the Conference by its own limitations can do nothing more than advise, and a work of that kind, no matter how valuable it may be in both its essence and its results, can hardly be made the subject of extended historical statement.

To one who has had the privilege of attending the sessions of the Conference from the beginning, the one great impression made by the last meeting was one of encouragement. In the beginning there was apparent more an air of uncertainty as to the position of the individuals who participated, and even in some respects a little touch of both suspicion and distrust. Efforts had in times past already been made to effect organizations along these same lines and all had failed. There was then in the minds of most a flavor of doubt as to

whether this new organization too would not end in failure. Perhaps too there was some fear that some one might possibly try to use it for selfish purposes. Fraternity men had in the past been too far apart to realize the commonality of interest which now all are beginning to find really exists.

As has already been said, the chief feeling that one had upon adjournment of the last Conference was that of encouragement. At no previous meeting had been so manifest a sentiment on the part of individuals and their fraternities that the higher good of the Greek cause commands a common study of the problems, not only those that have been so long with us all in the past, but those which the developments of latter days are pressing so keenly upon us. A statement was laughingly made on the floor of the Conference by one of the strong men present that he had never until lately realized that there were other fraternities. He said that he confessed with humility that before these meetings began he had really felt that there was only one fraternity on the face of the earth, and he confessed that he was very much surprised to find that he was meeting with gentlemen who entertained with respect to their fraternities the same affection and the same sense of loyalty toward their organizations that he entertained toward his.

If the Inter-Fraternity Conference never accomplishes any other thing than such realization as was expressed by this gentleman it will accomplish a thing never done before, and a thing that in the potentiality that goes with it will prove in the end of the most enormous value to the Greek letter interests. To bring these leaders to realize in three years just such truths as Dr. Rogers of $\Sigma \Phi$ expressed in his opening remarks is by itself doing a wonderful work. He said that he noticed that a spirit of idealism runs true through all of the delegation. In other words, the twenty-eight fraternities who now compose the Inter-Fraternity Conference trust and believe in each other and realize a certain unity of interest. Without abating one iota of loyalty to his own, each man seemed to have learned to respect his brother Greeks of the other bodies, and to accord them a full share in the work which the idealism spoken of by Dr. Rogers places jointly in the hands of all.

For the first time a work of general education is being done under the authority of united bodies. Committees of strong men have been appointed to delve into the statistics, to dig out the facts and to present carefully worked out conclusions. These men, who three years ago would have willingly done this work in behalf of their own orders, would hardly have felt it incumbent upon them or in any wise a duty to do it for the good of all. Yet they are doing these things to-day and doing them with no thought of particular and special good to their own individual fraternities. The education which is coming out of it is free to all and belongs to all.

As all know and as already said, the organization has no legislative power, and all it can accomplish is in the way of teaching us all that the work in the end is one for all to do, and also teaching us that there actually is such a work.

The discussion following the reports of various standing committees and otherwise introduced upon the floor naturally covered a large range of subjects. Long reports had been made and printed by the committee on local inter-fraternity conferences and the committee on the relations between colleges and fraternities. There was discussion of uniform chapter accounting and of the requirements for membership in the organization. A standing executive committee was added to the machinery of the Conference by amendment to the constitution. The feeling that such a committee is now necessary marks the progress the organization has been making.

There is one thought that comes to one after reading over the proceedings of the conference that may find expression here. The utility of the organization can never be fully realized until all those who participate in the Conference carry back to their fraternities, not merely in a perfunctory way, the spirit and intent of the organization, but do it in a way that will secure the co-operation of the fraternities and the accomplishment of the ends desired. That much of this work is being done by many of the delegates among other fraternities is certainly true, and yet not enough of it is being done. Without power itself, the force of the Conference will be expended in vain unless the representatives with practical unanimity go back directly to their fraternities with the recommendations that are being

made. Probably the easiest way for each fraternity to get these matters before its own membership is through a standing committee on Inter-Fraternity Relations, and this method has been adopted in a few cases.

One unfortunate feature of the Conference meetings is that they are too brief. When our sisters of the sororities meet in annual Conference, or Congress, as they term it, they use three whole days in their work. The Inter-Fraternity Conference meets at 10:30 a. m., and taking out time for lunch, adjourns between 4 and 5 p. m. The time is too short, and if the organization has the value that the most of us believes it has, and is to accomplish as much as it should, it should have a much longer meeting period. The officers for the current year are Wm. H. Trimpe, ΣX , President; Francis W. Shepardson, $B \Theta \Pi$, Secretary; and O. H. Cheney, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Treasurer. The next session of the Conference will occur at the University Club on Saturday, November 29, 1913.

GEO. BANTA, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING IN STATE SCHOOLS.

"No man can put new wine into old bottles."

That we may not make this mistake in the religious training of to-day is the earnest desire of all serious-minded people. Present education is so largely changed, so wide and catholic, so new and vigorous, that new bottles must be prepared for it. It is the spirit of Christ to teach the gospel to all people. If education is to be in any sense Christian, it cannot be exclusive in its offers. Here is one old bottle gone, the bottle of exclusiveness. Whether this exclusiveness be ecclesiastical or financial or caste, it is unchristian, or else I have missed the meaning of the teaching of Jesus.

I venture to define: Religious education in any community implies that conformity with the ideas of spiritual growth which the thought of the community determines to be correct.

It follows that those elements of spiritual growth which our community holds essential should be stated and an effort be made to have them enforced in our educational endeavors.

1. Truthfulness we would hold to be one element or factor in correct spiritual growth. I have known many excellent individuals among the teachers of my acquaintance who held that the search for truth was the prime element in education. In the teacher or student who does not know, the pretense of knowledge is very irreligious. Also it is very foolish. Truth is religious. To confess ignorance may be very humiliating, but it should be done when truth requires it.

As a sub-division of truth, we must consider accuracy. The slipshod carelessness which marks some teaching must inevitably produce on the mind of the student a disregard for truth. There are many things in which we can only approximate the truth, and it is important that in our assertions we should define this approximation.

Honesty is another form of truth which we should stress. I need not illustrate such simple propositions as this.

2. I think all would agree that unselfishness is another religious element. It would seem that the widening intelligence which comes with knowledge might produce unselfishness, but it may not do this. If along with the acquisition of knowledge the obligation to serve is inculcated, then almost surely there will be produced unselfishness. Unselfishness is a safeguard thrown around the power that comes from education.

3. That much hated and greatly belittled word "duty" is another element which I will mention as essential in religious education. I believe truthfulness and unselfishness may be consistent with great laziness. I do not consider indolence religious.

A gentleman of great ability told me that his mother carried him to live in Lexington, Va., when he was a lad of seven. He has ever admired the strong sense of duty which influenced every member of the college community of the Washington and Lee University. The explanation is simple. The faculty were taught to regard duty as essential. The students learned that this was the "sublimest word in the language," and there before their very eyes was the living embodiment, the incarnation of duty.

4. Courage is of the highest value in the spiritual life. For daily life it is needed; for emergency it is needed. The education which does not make brave is not religious. "Scorn delights, and live labo-

rious days," is given as a direction for succeeding. This requires courage. "Beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," are given as the high attributes of love. Yet bearing, believing, hoping, and enduring require courage. The education, wherever and however given, that does not teach one to endure hardness is not religious. It is in failure to rightly apprehend the elements of religious education that we may err.

Surely state universities may rightly be interested in these religious teachings.

DAVID CRENSHAW BARROW,
President Georgia University.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF W. VA. BETA

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the establishment of West Virginia Beta Chapter, Saturday, February 22, the organization of an alumni association was perfected, having in view the attainment of the following objects, as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association: "To promote the general welfare of and aid and assist the active chapter, and to organize the alumni, and to preserve their interest in the active chapter and the fraternity." Two classes of members are provided for by the Constitution, active and associate. Alumni members of the chapter who are in good standing with the fraternity are eligible to become active members, and alumni in good standing from any other chapter who may desire to affiliate may become associate members.

The business of the association was placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees of three members, whose duty it is to hold legal title to any property acquired by the association, and to devise and carry into execution ways and means for the securing of funds with which to buy or build a chapter house.

The following officers were elected:

President, M. J. Cullinan, Wheeling, W. Va.

Vice-President, C. M. Bennett, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Secretary-Treasurer, H. G. Wheat, Davis, W. Va.

Board of Trustees:

G. B. Hartley, Morgantown, W. Va.

A. J. Kern, Fairmont, W. Va.

Geo. W. Grow, Morgantown, W. Va.

The following resolution, which might be of general interest to the fraternity at large, was adopted:

“Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the Committee on Alumni Organization of the Grand Chapter include in their plan a scheme by which all alumni associations shall be represented and have a vote in the Grand Chapter. . . .”

Some thirty of the alumni of the chapter have already joined and are taking an active part in the work of the association, and all indications seem to promise a full enrollment before the date of our next annual meeting in February, 1914.

[Address of Brother M. J. Cullinan, W. Va. Beta, '04, at the Tenth Anniversary of W. Va. Beta Chapter, February 22, 1913.]

It is a great pleasure to be present on this occasion, this tenth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, which brings us all together in this family gathering, under the banner of our beloved fraternity, and around its altar fragrant with the incense of our grateful memories. The tie that binds us to our fraternity is one of the purest, since it is that which unites us also with our youth; it is one of the pleasantest, for it binds us to the days when we looked forward and not backward, for in hope there is nothing to regret, while in retrospect there is a touch of sadness, and a premonition of the end. Out in the great world there are, and always will be, differences of lot and position. One has been fortunate; another, toiling as nobly perhaps, has fallen in with adverse currents; one has been successful and stands in the spotlight, with his name on the lips of every person in his community; another is working in the shadow of the unknown. But here we stand in one unbroken line of brotherhood, not measuring success by inches of dollars, but by honest effort, faithfulness to duty, and love of truth. Without any symbol establishing a hierarchy that divides us one from another, we have every

name on the chapter roll sealed in our remembrance with the sunshine of our fraternity's happy past and hopeful future.

Probably those of us who witnessed the first days of this chapter, when there were but four, or five, or six members, can best appreciate this occasion, when we behold the child of our nursing in the bloom of full maturity. And while in those early days we met, so to speak, in the stillness of secret retreats, yet we did not plan rebellion against the other fraternities here, but the setting up of a new home, an ideal home which we could call our own, and in which would be taught all the good principles that form the basis of true society. We must not forget that ours is comparatively a young fraternity, and for that reason our obligations to it are the greater, and we should cling to it all the more devotedly, using every honorable means in our power to further its interests. Youth should always mean activity. While many of the older fraternities are standing still, looking down the avenue of the past and content to rest on the glory of past achievement, we must keep ever in mind that we live in an age that is essentially up to date, which only asks, what is it worth now, what is its value in the present, what influence for good or evil does it now exert, is it a factor that will go to effect the future?

We have heard to-night discourses on almost every subject vital to our fraternity and its interests, its past, its present, and its future, and at this morning hour, when both subjects and audience are exhausted, I feel like a man without a country, and after looking in vain for ground not already covered, I'm compelled to content myself with following already beaten paths. I do wish, though, to say something about the alumni and their interests and relation to the fraternity, bearing in mind that the interest of the alumni is the interest of the fraternity, and that the alumni form the backbone, the great reserve force, the stability of every college fraternity.

We know that the alumni are drifting away from the fraternity; we know, too, that if this fraternity is going to be vigorous, if it is going to exercise that great influence for good which we so earnestly desire, if it is going to attract to its fold the most worthy, if it is going to furnish the shrine at which, in future years, we may renew those covenants of friendship which are associated with so

many pleasant memories; if, in fact, it is going to live, then we must gather together our scattered alumni and bind them to the fraternity and to one another.

The life of an organization is not growing more vigorous merely by diligent practice of the ceremonials, or the faithful attendance at its social activities, entertainments, and such like. These things are not bad in themselves, far from it, and in fact they do constitute a certain kind of activity, but this activity is what in children we would designate as play. We might compare such activities with condiments, but a man cannot subsist on condiments. In order that an organization may flourish it must not only exist, it must live. And in order to live it must act. If an animal organism ceases to act, we conclude that it has ceased to live; that it has fallen a prey to disintegration. And our inference is perfectly correct. For life means action. Vigorous life means vigorous action. Abundant life means abundant action.

We must act. This we know to be necessary. I cannot, and will not, on this occasion enter into many particulars, but I dare to lay before you a brief, but at the same time, I believe, comprehensive program, a platform, a plan of campaign. For all successful action postulates a well-defined purpose. Without a definite program very little can be accomplished. We must come to particulars. My program includes the intelligent co-operation of both the chapter and the alumni.

First, as one of the alumni, I would say to the active members that we highly appreciate the great progress that has been made, and commend them for their excellent standing at the present, assuring them that we are fully satisfied they will hold every inch of ground that has been gained in the ten years since the banner of Sigma Phi Epsilon was unfolded to the student body of this University.

Next, send to the JOURNAL for each issue a bright, interesting, comprehensive letter, setting out a full report of the activities and achievements of the chapter. Let it contain also an account of such matters concerning the school as might be of interest to former students generally. The chapter letters, not speaking of yours alone, but including it, are usually not as comprehensive and interesting as they should be.

Also, send to the JOURNAL every item about the alumni of which you can possibly get hold. A chapter ten years old ought to have more alumni items in the JOURNAL than we have been having. Nothing in the JOURNAL is of so much interest to your alumni as these items. Also have printed an annual letter soon after your annual banquet and mail a copy to each alumnus. This letter should contain a complete record of the year's activities, and above all let it contain every item at hand about the alumni. Send your first such letter as soon after this affair as possible.

Lastly, answer all communications promptly, whether they be from the Grand Officers, the JOURNAL editors, any of the officers of the alumni association or committee members, or from any alumnus. Let promptness be the watchword.

On the part of the alumni, I would first ask each alumnus to subscribe for the JOURNAL. It is the news medium of the fraternity, it is published in the interest of the fraternity and will renew your spirit, and keep you in touch with the progress that is being made. Your present JOURNAL editors are working nobly, and making great personal sacrifices to give you a good publication which deserves your unqualified support. Indeed, our JOURNAL now compares favorably with the very best of Greek-letter publications, and is far superior to most. It has been my good fortune to have associated, in fact, to have lived during the past few months with Brother Curl, one of the JOURNAL editors, owing to which I have been in position to note the time and labor that is being unselfishly given to the work. I would say that the reading over fraternity magazines and other publications, and writing up what is deemed of interest for his departments alone takes at least forty hours of time for each issue. I have no doubt the other editors are working equally hard. Now, don't you think that such effort deserves our support? Failure to support the JOURNAL is both disloyalty and ingratitude,—disloyalty to the fraternity, and ingratitude to the editors—and none of us is discharging his full duty to the fraternity while he turns his back on those brothers who are laboring so hard and so unselfishly in its behalf.

I would also ask a little personal effort of each alumnus. Let each man here to-night, when he returns to his home, go personally

to every alumnus in his community and tell him what has been done. Tell him that there is now a real live active, alumni association, and urge him to become a member and support it.

The committee whose special duty it is to urge brothers to join the alumni association will need to be persistent. Some brothers will stand a lot of persuasion, some may even need clubbing, but the secret of success lies in persistence. I know many brothers not yet heard from who, I'm sure, are with us in spirit, and will eventually give this alumni association their full support. They have neglected answering our letters and remember, they may fail to answer some of yours, but I wish you to keep in mind a story told by John Wesley. He told that he had heard his mother ask his father how he had the patience to tell that block-head the same thing twenty times over, and his father answered, "Why, if I had told him but nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor."

Now, brothers, we have just formed an alumni association, and I believe that eventually most of our alumni will be members of it. I am a firm believer in chapter alumni associations. There are so few other such associations in our fraternity that we are practically pioneers, and our success will aid in giving impetus to the movement that will bring new life, vigor, stability, and solidity to our beloved fraternity.

EDITORIALS

This brings us to a close of the year as Editor and Manager of our fraternity JOURNAL, and we wish to say, for the staff, to the fraternity at large that the year's work has been one most pleasant. We believe that Volume X has been an improvement over any previous volume, but much more money has been spent to make it so, and perhaps a much larger amount of time has been gratuitously given by each member of the staff than has ever been done before. The Editor and Associates have unselfishly given much time, without remuneration, that might have been more profitably spent otherwise, but each member of the staff has been loyal to the cause and has willingly offered assistance. These things we attribute to the successful completion of the year's work, and we hope next year to retain the same Associates and give Sigma Phi Epsilon even a better publication than we have offered this year.

This is the first year of service on this publication for each of the three Associate Editors, and to them should be given much credit for the fine departments they have had in each issue. They have been most willing assistants, and if our JOURNAL has been made better this year, it has been largely due to the generous giving of their time and efforts. As to the Editor-in-Chief, our readers may be the judge as to whether the management has made a success of the work of the year. Our paid alumni subscriptions have been less than fifty, which represents the total compensation received by the management for the year's work. However, our love and loyalty to our organization prompts the Editor to not consider money value or salary with regard to our continuance at the head of our JOURNAL, for we realize that the fraternity is not at present in a position to offer more.

One of our mottoes for the year has been *improvement*. This we believe we have effected in every department of our publication, but to do so has meant a great additional expense to the fraternity. We are going to continue in our present position for another year with a feeling that our fraternity as a whole should give our JOURNAL larger and better support. Our chapters will be held responsible to

place each alumnus in touch with the management, and let us all try and create more enthusiasm for this branch of our fraternity so necessary in our existence.

Our work for the year has been pleasant, and in many ways profitable, and we hope it to be even more so during the next year. It is our plan, if possible, to retain our present staff of Associates for the next year, and we feel that the fraternity can rest assured that the Board of Editors will do all within their power to continue to give Sigma Phi Epsilon a first-class publication.

The following from one of our exchanges states the case so well that we herewith reproduce it:

"The editorial mind has been in one—no two whirls, for the past two months—if it is at all proper to associate a whirl with an editor.

The first and foremost whirl was that of finances.

THE EDITORIAL That word always has an ominous sound, but the

WHIRL. more ominous the better, say I, because ominous things usually create a stir, and have their effect.

Personally that is just what we are looking for! The Editor and the Business Manager have been trying to figure out how to run a respectable magazine without money. You see in spite of the fact that we've made the matter as plain as snow sparkle on a sunny day, the alumnae do not seem to be able to "get the habit" of subscribing. Now many of you were our subscribers last year, and though we tried to be as good as could be, we can't figure out what we've done to you, for this year you fairly give us a cold shoulder. But to be serious—the editorial staff have worked faithfully, you will agree to that, I am sure, and we feel that the alumnae are not doing their part. We also feel that we deserve the compensation we ask for—support from the alumnae. We do not ask much—one dollar and fifty cents a year, and interesting letters for our Alumnae department once in a while, but it means the maintenance of the only material thing the fraternity stands for in the national college world, as well as in our own circle. If you are a finer member in wearing our pin, and proud of our organization, now is the time to stand back of us, and help us to make it worthy. Be our Stonewall!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now that May is here, a word regarding straw hats is not out of place; or, more directly, straw hat bands. Each national fraternity has a distinctive band, and in almost every case it is worn in the summer by all the members in all sections of the country. Sigma Phi Epsilon itself has one of the handsomest bands of all. It seems, however, that a number of chapters are unaware of this fact, and that the use of our band has been restricted to the Eastern chapters.

Every $\Sigma \Phi E$ should wear this band—be he an alumnus or an undergraduate. It is not only a "thing of beauty," but it is also most useful as a means of recognition by brothers. The writer himself last summer ran into a number of brothers whom he recognized through their hat bands. Let every one secure a band. If any particular chapter knows of no place to obtain them, send word to Pennsylvania Delta and we shall be glad to get them for you.

A. D. CHIQUOINE, JR.,
Pennsylvania Delta.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas it has pleased God, in His Almighty Providence, to remove from our midst our beloved fraternity brother, Harry Smith Rowland, who had served loyally and faithfully for the past three years; be it

Resolved, That we of the Pennsylvania Epsilon Chapter of $\Sigma \Phi E$ fraternity do hereby extend to his parents our most sincere, fraternal and heart-felt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents, to the JOURNAL, and a copy be placed on the records of the fraternity.

(Signed) C. L. BUTLER,
ROY J. FAHL,
J. B. PARKS.

EXCHANGES.

By J. R. CURL.

A recent issue of *The Harvard Illustrated Magazine* contained the following editorial comment "On Initiations," which should engage the attention of all fraternity chapters which still cling to that barbarous custom of "putting the new men through a few stunts."

"Differing points of view are likely to give different estimations of the value of initiations, particularly of the more vigorous fraternity initiation. Anyone, however, is likely to agree that, if characterized both by good humor and by a fair degree of decency, it will give the initiate, when it is over, a stronger feeling of informal acquaintanceship with the other members, and vice versa, than practically any other method of spending the same length of time. And there is no distinct harm in merely making a man act like a fool for a little while; if he is really a man, his new role will be obviously a counterfeit, and if he is really a fool, his acting will gain by its sincerity. In any case it is likely to teach him the value of a good-natured disposition.

"But the audience for the more foolish performances should be quite exclusive,—restricted in fact to the members of the society, particularly if those members also represent a university with large claims to dignity. When initiations involve the invasion of outside homes even with permission, and such farces as mock proposals of marriage to young women in those homes, or the boorish antics of men old enough to know better, no one really gains anything by it. On the contrary, there must be a loss of self-respect by the persons involved and also a loss of respect by the public for the university which those young men are presumably representing. To make light of a young man's self-conceit is all right; to make light of a young woman's self-respect and dignity is all wrong. And the phrase, 'the foolish pranks of those Harvard boys,' so easily called up by such performances, is not a glowing advertisement to Harvard, a University and not a High School. As wise men we can afford to meet the public eye; as prankish boys we can equally afford to be our own and only spectators."

The unique scheme of having two officers of other fraternities make addresses was followed by $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ at its last convention. Hon. William A. Trimpe, Grand Tribune of $\Sigma \chi$, and Prof. Francis W. Shepardson, Secretary of $\beta \Theta \Pi$, and also Secretary of the Interfraternity Conference, delivered, according to *The Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, "two eloquent and scholarly addresses" which were "the climax of the convention." We quote the following from Professor Shepardson's address:

"It seems to me that we can have united effort to improve the conditions of scholarship in our several colleges. One of the charges brought against the fraternity system is that it tends to lower the standard of scholarship. Statement after statement is being published by college authorities showing that the average grade of fraternity members is below the average grade of non-fraternity men, and sometimes below the average grade of the student body. This seems to me all wrong. We must make our members appreciate the fact, that, after all, our colleges exist for the purpose of education, and that the prime interest of the student should be so to avail himself of the opportunities of instruction and of culture offered him in college, that he may the better be prepared for the duties and responsibilities of life. We claim to be, we are, selected men. We ought to take precedence in the matter of scholarship and it will be a just charge against us until we rectify the conditions which have prevailed among some of our chapters in recent years.

"We ought to find common ground in an insistent demand for college loyalty. The charge is sometimes made that fraternity men put the fraternity first and the college second, and that there is a distinct lack of interest in college activities, particularly those of the cultural sort, manifested as soon as a freshman enters the doors of a fraternity. In my work as general secretary of Beta Theta Pi, I have taken particular pains to urge this matter of college loyalty. The college must come first and the fraternity second. It takes only a very little reflection for one to see that the interest of a fraternity chapter is absolutely bound up with the prosperity of the institution where the chapter is located. Can we not, as fraternity men, unite all along the line to emphasize and magnify college loyalty?

"We can unite in a movement for college democracy. Another claim of our opponents is that the fraternity tends to make men snobbish, that the chapter house becomes the center of a sort of aristocracy in which those who think themselves better than their fellows learn to look with condescending mien upon their less fortunate fellows, the barbarians. I sometimes think this charge is well founded. Boys come from the farms who have never had in their country homes the luxuries which the chapter house furnishes. They revel in their shower baths and other conveniences of the chapter house and then go back home at vacation time to chafe over the limitations of their own homes and to grow restless in the society of their own parents. This tendency is absolutely wrong. The boys of Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi have largely been taken from the homes of common people. In our origin and history we have drawn upon the worthy of all classes and hardly without exception our chapters have been free from those whose main claim to consideration is pride of birth or family. If we have been inclined to forget this at times, can we not unite with other college fraternities to show that in our hearts we believe in the democracy on which our Republic was founded and under which it must go forward to its glorious destiny?

"We ought to find common ground for harmonious action along the lines of human friendship. There we come close to the heart of the fraternity ideal. We have our Greek names representing certain mottoes. We claim certain fundamental things as the basis for our fraternities. But they amount to nothing absolutely unless beneath them and behind them is the tie of truest friendship. If there is one thing I would urge upon those who are joined in the Bond of Phi Delta Theta, it is to cultivate warm friendships for your chapter mates. If I may advise any freshman it would be to love those of your classmates who share with you the joy of wearing a fraternity badge. I know well that some persons ridicule the idea of love among men. They call this a sentimental relationship which should exist between men and women. I often think of the story told in the good old Book where the prince and the peasant met in friendship. The words come to us: 'And the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and he loved him.' On this story has been built a great order with thou-

sands of members, who, generation after generation, find inspiration and encouragement from the sweet story of man's love for man. I might cite you also another great order founded on the story of Damon and Pythias, where one so loved the other that he was willing to give his life if need be, to save his friend. I often think of the story told of a Phi Delta Theta President of the United States. As his term of office drew near public men and newspapers began to build cabinets for him, but when the list was finally published by himself some unexpected names were found. Then it was noted that these were the names of men whom, as fraternity and college mates at 'Old Miami' he had learned to love and trust in the golden student days. But friendship limited to the small group in your own fraternity will not bring the richness of joy that will come from a larger circle. As life broadens before you, you will find new friends and new fields of work. It is just possible that some one of you may want to marry the daughter of a Beta Theta Pi; or some Sigma Chi may want to marry your daughter; or in other ways members of different fraternities may be brought close into the intimate circles of the home.

"Finally we ought to find some common ground for friendly relationship in the thought of human service. After all, that is what life is for. We are training ourselves in the schools and in the colleges in order to fit us the better to become leaders of life and thought in other days. The narrow confines of the chapter house are altogether too restricted when it comes to the real business of life. Friendship should be emphasized in the chapter and in the college community. The heart should go out to others who are equally interested in student affairs. It is certain that the sympathies will be richer and fuller when you face life's problems and possibilities."

From the address of Judge P. B. Hamer, before a province council of K A (Southern), published in *The Kappa Alpha Journal*, we take the following pertinent excerpts, because they show what the college fraternity can and is doing for the student:

"In the first place how shall we go about to establish more friendly relations between the fraternities and those who are unfriendly to them?"

“One of these things is to co-operate directly and actively with college faculties in bringing about and maintaining a higher standard of scholarship than now obtains in most of our institutions of learning. The nearest and quickest and surest way to a teacher’s heart and affections is through his classroom, and he is going to welcome any force or influence which will move his students to more zealous and efficient work than he is individually able to get out of them. If the fraternities, as organized bodies, shall be able to show that their members do better class work by reason of their fraternity membership, the united, unanimous and enthusiastic support of every college faculty in the country is absolutely guaranteed. And with this direct, active, militant support of the faculties there would be no such thing as anti-fraternity laws in any of the colleges of this country.”

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“What are we going to do to supply the needs of the young boy when he first leaves home to go to college? Are we doing anything of a practical nature to help him? Are we helping to safeguard him against evils new to him and against which he lacks the knowledge and experience to protect himself? Are we providing environments which will prove helps and not hindrances? If we take him into our chapters, will he be surrounded there by influences which will strengthen his character and purify and enoble his aspirations? Can we take a good man and keep him four years and turn him out at the end of that time a better, stronger, finer character than when he came to us? Or, can we take a frail, faulty, reckless one and make him over into a sober, industrial, ambitious citizen? If we *can* do this, and *do* do it, our future is entirely safe; armed with deeds and work like these, we need not fear hostile faculties, nor trustees, nor legislatures. If we are not now doing some of this kind of work, our plans are in serious need of correction and revision. Now, fraternities can keep men in college when no other influence can. They can get work out of them when college faculties, with all their persuasion and discipline, have failed. And the reason for this is that the fraternities can employ and use an influence over their members not possessed by any other individual or collection of individuals. There is no other one force or influence with so much power for good or evil as that possessed by

the college fraternity over its members. In the limited sphere in which it operates its influence is supreme and surpasses the influence of the church itself, for the reason that the relationship of a fraternity man to his chapter is so much closer and more intimate than that which exists between the church and its members. The modern church is much too big a body for the personal equation to enter into its influence, but directly the contrary is true of the fraternity chapter, whose small membership makes possible, if not necessary, the closest and most intimate relationships of life, second only, perhaps, to the close blood ties which unite members of a family together. When young men are thrown together in as close, personal, every-day contact as they are in a fraternity chapter, the influence of the chapter is bound to be far-reaching, and paramount to any other influence in their college lives. We get these young men at an age when their minds are flexible and receptive, and open to impression and influence. There is something about a fraternity which appeals to the young man, takes hold of his fancy, and gets a grip on his imagination which nothing thereafter can ever quite loosen or break."

The editor of *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, under the title "What Can We All Do About It?" gives some valuable suggestions on the methods to off-set the opposition to fraternities, and we have here copied his words:

"We must acknowledge the right of the college to govern our fraternity houses as they would the dormitories where they exist, or else be in a position to know that our fraternity houses are governed as they should be.

"We must do all in our power to aid the local interfraternity conferences, where they exist, to formulate simple satisfactory rules governing the evils of rushing. Postponed initiations may well be encouraged as a help to scholarship and solidarity in the chapter. Refractory chapters who refuse to co-operate should be made to feel the sting of executive reproach from their governing boards.

"We must remind our chapters that they are not institutions apart from the colleges in which they exist, but are integral as well as vital units in the whole. Snobbery

should be frowned on; the building of superbly furnished chapter houses should be stopped. We insist that the group system is inevitable, but need not be subversive of the democracy of an institution.

"We must continue to preach scholarship and foster it by all the artificial means we can command. Why should fraternity men be deficient in brains? They are not, but are often surrounded by so much luxury that they forget they are in an institution of learning.

"Most of all we must carry on a campaign of education so widespread and earnest in its appeal that we can show unsuspecting legislators that there are real advantages in fraternities. Something approaching family life is the due of every young man; boarding-house life in a college town was not decreed by heaven for every homesick young fellow from the country. There are many thousands of uprightly, clean, strong young men of high morals and ideals living in our fraternity houses through this country who are a downright influence for good in the lives of the younger men with whom they live so intimately. We all remember them. That there are sometimes others of a different stamp is not because there are fraternities; such men are not the products of the system."

And in a second editorial, entitled "Here's Another Suggestion," approves of what Mr. Baird of $\beta \theta \Pi$, Mr. Palmer of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and others, are advocating, thus:

"We cannot help feeling that Mr. Baird, of Beta Theta Pi; Mr. Palmer, of Phi Delta Theta, and others who are writing in the same strain, are right when they say that much of this opposition has come through the fact that there are not enough fraternities and chapters to include all the men. Thousands of young men go to the colleges in this country feeling, and justifiedly so, that they are the equal of many of their college mates who 'make' a fraternity. Why should they not become enemies of fraternities? Not until the fraternity system is more widespread and increases faster even than it has in the last ten years will this opposition cease. If the fraternity is a worthy institution, why should not its advantages come to all, or as nearly all as is humanly possible?"

MY CREED.

HOWARD ARNOLD WALTER.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.
I would be friend of all—the foe—the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up—and laugh—and love, and lift.

The Adamas of H Y F.

We commend the following editorial from *The Record* of $\Sigma A E$, and we appeal to each one of our chapters to bear in mind that every branch of fraternity activity is being watched by the opposition. Make of every act a witness for our side, not a self-incriminating circumstance.

“ Within the past two or three years anti-fraternity legislation has been proposed in the legislatures of the following states: Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina and Nebraska. Truly an alarming situation—one that should awaken every fraternity to the realization that there must be something seriously wrong with the fraternity system to bring out such a manifestation of hostility and disapproval. It is all very well for the fraternities to hide their heads in self-satisfaction and indifference; but the time has come for all fraternities to face the situation and convince the sore-heads and the ignorant that the fraternity system is a benefit rather than a detriment. We know that the principles of all fraternities are good. And we also know that the principle of arithmetic is perfect; but every problem is not correctly solved. However, this does not prove that the principle is bad—but rather indicates that a mistake has been made by the one applying the principle. So it is in the fraternal world. Fraternalism stands for the highest—the best—the noblest—and every fraternity strives to emulate its teachings. In a few instances, mistakes are made, the standards are forgotten, and for the nonce, the system is given a set back. But the fair minded man could not pos-

sibly find objection with the college fraternity, even when its ideals are only half realized. Therefore, in this day, it behooves every chapter of every fraternity to convince the college world, state legislatures, and all opponents, by actions, that all criticism is based upon wrong information or prejudice. Let $\Sigma A E$ be leaders in this movement."

A question for YOU! Can you answer it? We take it from *Kappa Alpha Theta*. You can answer it best by your work for $\Sigma \Phi E$.

"Is the fraternity worth while? Is anything in life worth while? Only as we ourselves *make* it so. The thing that we put into life is the thing life becomes to us, and just as surely does our fraternity become the concrete expression of our loyalty to its precepts, our purposeful efforts in its behalf. Our fraternity is what we as individuals, as chapters, as national and international organizations choose to make it. It is worth while only in so far as *we* are worth while. It is worth while to us as individuals in proportion as we give of our time and service, of *ourselves*, toward the realization in our own lives of its ideals. It is worth while to the college community in proportion as it impresses itself ineradicably as an altruistic element, one to be reckoned with for good. It is worth while to society generally in proportion as it projects its influence as a leavening element, helpfully, constructively, usefully. It can be everything we claim for it if we want it to be. In our hearts we know that we stand for fine things in pledging ourselves to our fraternity, but in our lives, alas, we show evidence of the old struggle between precept and conduct. We *know* that our fraternity is worth while if we, its members, allow it to be. Shall we not then stop asking, 'Is the fraternity worth while?' Let us rather look to ourselves and in all humility ask, 'Are we worth while?'"

"Why do we so generally use the ambiguous term 'active' when we speak of our undergraduate members as distinguished from our *alumnæ*? A person not versed in the fraternity vernacular would naturally suppose that a fraternity is made of two classes — 'active' members and the rest, whatever the latter may be. None of us, probably, mean to imply that our *alumnæ* are not active in the work of our fraternity. The growth and well-being of Alpha

Phi, its reputation and standing, are a sufficient witness to the fact that our *alumnæ* are active; we hope that they will continue to be thus in the future as they have been in the past. Why, then, should we, in referring to the members who are now in college, use a term which is meaningless to many and which contains an implication which is not just to our *alumnæ*? Why not say 'undergraduate' when we mean that, and relegate the term 'active' to that limbo of out worn or inaccurate words and phrases which one of our contemporaries has dignified with the name of the 'cannery.'"—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The alumni problem, if we may indeed call it a problem, is one which is now before $\Sigma \Phi E$ for solution. We have sometimes felt that it is the alumni themselves who have created the problem, and that they can help solve it more readily than the active members. Most certainly they can give material aid in a solution. Here is a good suggestion from *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*:

"An alumni club should be an alumni chapter, and an alumnus should feel it just as much his duty to join such a club as once he felt it his privilege to join a chapter. He must not forget that when he was an undergraduate there were alumni working for him and the fraternity, and that the debt should be paid with interest. We should remember that our pledges were not taken to the chapter, but to the fraternity; that we did not join the chapter, but the fraternity; that when we go out from the chapter, we do not go out from, but rather further into the fraternity, in its largest and best sense. Then it must be plain that if we would do our part in advancing the fraternity, there is always a place in the alumni club where we can renew the pledges once given in the chapter."

"The fraternity magazines these days are being furnished themes for theses anent the anti-fraternity movement and the high school fraternity. Quite often the two are interwoven; sometimes the argument is made that unless high school fraternities are effectually blocked by the college fraternities refusing to initiate from them the whole system will be wiped out of existence. Per contra, it is held that if the college fraternity is for the betterment of its mem-

bers, as claimed, then it follows that the high school frat must be too. There is not nor has there ever been a real excuse for high school fraternities except the one of imitation of elders. It has never achieved or accumulated anything—is a fungus growth of transitory attributes. There are many reasons for the college fraternity, and they are so strong that men give their substance and their service to them not only during college life but often with increasing zeal as the years go by. That faults can be found with fraternity conduct and management is undeniably true. With their aims and principles never. Do they breed clannishness? There is a species of freak socialism which makes the same indictment against the family, the home and the marriage bond. Do they breed snobs and foster undemocratic spirit? There are snobs everywhere. If they never went to college they would never get into fraternities. They don't all get in. Some of them are left out to show the world that they are better than fraternity men. But there is nothing on earth more democratic than a gathering of college fraternity men. Men of almost every condition are there, except the mentally and morally unfit, and they mingle as brothers. The writer was once driven by a chauffeur who was a $\Psi\Upsilon$ and a $\Phi\beta\kappa$. He was neither incompetent nor a pauper. He was a man clean through—but he was no snob! The manager of a large business house once conducted the writer over a certain city to introduce him to 'the boys.' We visited bank cashiers, railroad passenger agents, lawyers, doctors, editors, architects, merchants, stenographers, clerks, a printer and a plumber. They were all brothers. Such conditions exist in almost if not all fraternities. An institution capable of establishing and maintaining such relations might well afford to carry a few snobs here and there and still be justified. Fraternities have made their mistakes and have honestly sought to correct them; but while the principle of brotherhood exists in the hearts of congenial men fraternities will not be legislated from the face of the earth."—*The Caducous* of $\kappa\Sigma$.

Brothers, have you ever considered whether or not the secrecy in our fraternities might be influencing those who are opposing us? Is our secrecy such a cherished possession that we cannot forego it for our own good or the good of fraternities in general? Delta Up-

silon is a non-secret fraternity. Has it suffered because its ritual, constitution and laws are not withheld from public gaze? The writer would even suggest that the very fact that Delta Upsilon has no secrets to keep from the public causes the public to care very little about finding out whether there are any secrets in that fraternity which it is missing. To get you to thinking on this subject we are reproducing an article by Miss Dorothy Noble Safford, Grand President of A O II, which appeared in *To Drama* of A O II:

LET US ABOLISH SECRECY FROM OUR FRATERNITIES.

"Once upon a time a Woman conceived the idea of a beautiful Garden and into the plans for it went her dearest hopes and her loftiest ideals. She took into her confidence those friends who also had hopes and ideals, and asked them to come and live in her Garden and help make the dreams come true. Around the Garden they built a Wall — that may not have been wise, I do not know, but perhaps they felt that the Garden would be more truly theirs if separated from the broad highway and the gaze of the careless passer-by. Then in the Garden they planted small saplings that would grow into noble trees; they established firmly sturdy shrubs in the background; they laid out winding paths that their tired feet might find soft places after the hard stones of the city streets; they bordered these paths with old-fashioned flowers that spoke eloquently of faith and hope, sincerity and truth; they tended carefully the modest violet, the fair lily, and the red rose of love. All the flowers that they admired most grew there.

"Gradually they began to absorb some of the beauty and sweetness of the blossoms and their lives grew better and fairer. They felt that there were others also who might love the flowers and so they stood at the gate and watched the people passing by. One of these seemed to say that she could feel the beauty of the Garden and would tend the plants with care — they asked her to enter; one lingered and they thought she too might join their band, but something seemed to whisper that she would but pluck the blossoms and let them wither; one they urged to come within the gate who preferred a garden farther on; one hurried by who was destined for great deeds on the highway and had

no time for pleasant hours in a Garden; one passed with quiet tread and so busy were those at the gate that they did not see her until she had gone; one came tripping along, and, because she seemed light-hearted and gay, they fancied that she would suit their Garden life and took her in only to find that she liked the bright colors but could not understand the language of the flowers. And as they lived together in the Garden they became thoughtless and let the weeds grow up and the thorns crowd out the roses and the flowers wither from neglect. Some were careless about those whom they asked to share the Garden with them. Others forgot that there were Gardens as fair as this one, and tried to keep the stranger from entering these. Many were heedless of those on the highway and forgot that the flowers might be carried out to those who had no Garden. But most of them remembered that through their lives and actions the beauty and fragrance of their Garden might go to all the world. And so one day the Woman said: 'There are some who pass by our gate and think that we should have no garden because they have none and there are some of us within who feel the same. Now we made our Garden, we think it a beautiful Garden, we know that we are better for living in it. It is not large enough for everyone to live in happily but why may not all see it and then have Gardens of their own? When our plants were small and we were inexperienced we thought they needed the protection of a Wall, but if they cannot now withstand the winds and storms of the outer world, surely they must be but weak seedlings in poor soil. If all who pass by might see our Garden and know that it is fair and realize that the weeds grow and the flowers wither only when we are careless, then perhaps they might see why we love it so.'

"Let Us Tear Down The Wall!"

DOROTHY NOBLE SAFFORD.

Chapter letters in the various fraternity magazines so infrequently appear in any other form than in the staid, prosaic or statistical, that anything out of the ordinary appeals to the habitual reader of chapter letters. In *The Trident* of ΔΔΔ we found two very clever chap-

ter letters, one in the form of a diary, and one in verse. We reproduce the latter.

CINCINNATI UNIVERSITY, CINCINNATI, OHIO. (ZETA)

Listen, ye Deltas, and ye shall hear
Of the grand time that Zeta has had this year!
How it's danced, and dined, and "tea'd" the men!
[Yes, we worked in between, till we frivoleed again]

'Twas Pine Tree Day, our Alliance dear
Gave a Matinee Dance, in a *Ball Room* here!
They decked us in ruffs, silver, gold and blue,
And with star trimmed caps they favored us, too.

They were lovers of old, "Johns," "Romeoes";
We, "Juliets," "Priscillas"! The greatest of woes
Was when we *had* to leave! But it ever will be
As green in our hearts as our own Pine Tree.

Oh yes! and they gave us an Xmas tide treat!
And for jolly good times it couldn't be beat!
We heard what the future for each held in store,
Got gifts *down a chimney*, and—why tell more?

Then we had, all eighteen, a "stunt" to present
In the Vaudeville Show—a big Varsity event.
We tried hard to show—of course all in fun,
The trials and the joys that to each student come.

Then we Frivolling Zetas, with olden time cheer,
Would greet every friend at the Happy New Year.
So we flung wide our door, on the day of its birth
Welcoming friends—and fraternities—with good will
and mirth.

But of all things good, of things to entrance—
Say, you ought to have *seen* our Holiday Dance!
Just picture a hall, all rose hung with green,
A great star and crescent soft lighting the scene,
Where many Tri Deltas [all decked out in rose,
Hair high and powdered, in olden time pose,
With tiny black patches, perked hither and yon]
Swayed in the dance, or chatted; the fun
All filled with gay holiday spirit—oh well
You know, Tri Delt sisters,—why more should I tell?

And, yes, in the midst of our Holiday fun,
When the New Year had hardly its first steps begun,
Our Julia Jergens was spirited away!
Now, as Mrs. Allen Joslin we present her today.
Now these are our frivolings — we won't mention work.
Just remember we're Tri Delts, and Tri Delts don't shirk.

And now, oh! Tri Delts all your good wishes send!
Our Rush Party's the eleventh — We're of four the front end!
After us all three rivals each get a try!
It's awful! Still — we Tri Delts are spry!

And now Zeta's good wish, accept with her goodbye,
For success, health and happiness, to all in our tie.
May the New Year bring all that is good to thee
And yet wider powers to the Deltas three.

VIRGINIA TRAVIS RANSHAW.

University of Cincinnati.

The following clipping from a trade exchange contains a suggestion well worth the consideration of every one of our members, active and alumni. How much better would the work of our fraternity go forward if all of our members and all of our chapters had only words of encouragement to offer, instead of criticisms of the work of our grand officers and the editors of *The Journal*! If this idea works successfully in business life, it surely will be at least beneficial if practiced by members of the fraternity. Try it!

“If you want to keep your salespeople in line and want to get the best they have in them, encourage them. If you want your business to grow and your profits to increase, encourage your employees. If you want buyers to place bigger orders and come more frequently, encourage them. If you want to feel happy and actually experience prosperity and peace of mind, encourage yourself. The whole fabric of business is built up on encouragement. Unless you encourage your salespeople you cannot hope to have them strive for your interests and stick with you. The concern that cannot hold help is the poorest concern in the world to do business with.”

COLLEGIATE.

Lincoln Hall, "dedicated to the study of the humanities," was formally opened at the University of Illinois on Wednesday, February 12th. The building is a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, for which an appropriation was made by the State legislature in 1909. Its decorative scheme includes a series of memorial panels, tablets, medallions and inscriptions, relating to Lincoln and his times.

Amherst College, through the generosity of W. Evans Clark, '10, and his mother, is to have a short lectureship on the general subject "The Modern Point of View," in honor of William Brewster Clark, M. D., of the Class of 1876. The purpose of this series of lectures is to throw light on the "relation of present day research, discovery and thought to the individual and social attitude and policy." Professor Shotwell, of Columbia University, sole editor of articles on religion for the Encyclopedia Britannica, is to deliver the first lectures.

Two years of college work, which must include courses in physics, chemistry and general biology or zoology, are now required for admission to the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania.

The co-eds of the University of Wisconsin will publish on April 1st *The Daily Cardinal*. The paper is turned over to the women one day each year.

The University of Wisconsin is to extend an invitation to the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations to hold a month's graduate school in agriculture and home economics in July, 1914, at the University.

Michigan University has purchased 40 acres of land for an addition to its athletic field. The University authorities propose to provide the means and incentives for the active participation of a very

large proportion of the student body in athletic contests of every kind. A special coach has been obtained who will devote his entire time to class teams and the development of minor sports in general.

Barnard College has started a campaign to raise \$2,000,000, one-half to be devoted to new buildings and one-half to endowment. In October, 1914, Barnard will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, and hopes in the meantime to raise this amount of money, so that it may start out on its second quarter-century with facilities to meet the increased demands upon it.

Princeton University has been given 1,000 shares of stock of the Chase National Bank of New York and \$10,000 annually, and has also been made the residuary legatee, by the will of Ferris S. Thompson. Mr. Thompson's estate is estimated at \$3,000,000.

The Michigan Junior Hop has been abolished by the University, owing to the near riot caused by students and townspeople seeking admission to the gallery. The objectionable forms of dancing that were indulged in and the extravagance of the affair also influenced the University authorities in their action on the matter.

A gift of \$20,000 in memory of Henry A. Morgan of Aurora, N. Y., for many years a member of its board of trustees, has been added to the endowment fund of Wells College.

Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, has received a gift of land valued at \$30,000. It is proposed to sell the land and devote the money to the endowment of a chair in the research department.

Adelphi College has announced a gift by William Augustus White, Alfred T. White and two friends of \$25,000 to its endowment fund.

Hobart College has tendered a call to Dr. Herbert Cushing Tolman, Professor of Greek at Vanderbilt University, to accept the presidency. Dr. Tolman, it is presumed, will accept the call, as he had previously expressed a willingness to go to Hobart.

"An anonymous donator has presented to Columbia a 'French House' for the French Exchange Professor from the University of La Sorbonne, Paris. The gift has not yet been officially announced, but it has been confirmed at the Secretary's office. The 'House' is right next to the 'Deutches Haus,' just off the campus."—*The Eleusis* of X Ω.

The proceeds from several of the performances of the Columbia University players were devoted to sufferers from the floods of Indiana and Ohio.

The senior class of the mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering departments of the University of Pennsylvania, during ten days beginning March 20th, made their first annual inspection trip by a tour which included Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Niagara Falls, New York City, and other centers. Visits to many of the largest industrial establishments and power-houses in the United States were made.

Brown University has purchased two more lots in Manning Street at the rear of the campus, which, with the adjoining lots purchased some time ago, will be held by the University for future expansion. In the meantime it is expected the athletic association will have the use of the lots for tennis courts.

Four courses in automobile instruction have been announced by the engineering department of the University of Michigan for next semester, to be conducted by former faculty men who have been in the employ of automobile concerns in Detroit, and who will be recalled to the University to take charge of these courses.

Muskingum College of New Concord, Ohio, on April 1st started a campaign to raise \$100,000 by June 1st, one-half of which will be for endowment and the other half for the third new building, plans for which are being prepared by the State architect.

The Columbia Alumni News announces that at commencement two gifts will be made to the University by alumni classes, one of which is a set of gates for the east entrance at 119th Street, by the Class of '88, College and School of Mines; and the other, decorative lamps for the campus, made possible by funds provided by W. Fellowes Morgan, '80.

A bulletin recently issued by the regents of the University of Michigan shows that Michigan receives a smaller income per student than the other great state universities. Minnesota receives \$372 per student from the State, Illinois \$302, and Wisconsin \$229, while Michigan receives but \$128 per annum. Illinois and Minnesota spend about \$2,000,000 on their universities, Wisconsin \$1,500,000, and Michigan only \$800,000.

On April 16 and 17 the University of Illinois will dedicate a new commerce building. Courses in banking, accounting, journalism, insurance, and railway administration will be given. The President of the University, Edmund J. James, was formerly director of the Wharton School of Finance and Economy of the University of Pennsylvania, and hence is well qualified to plan a school to develop education along commercial, financial and administrative lines.

The New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University has purchased 1131 acres of timber land, on which scientific reforestation and forest culture will be demonstrated. This will be the first experiment of the kind on such an extensive scale ever conducted in the United States.

George Washington University, after being out of athletics for nearly three years, had a basket ball team in the field this past winter.

The School of Mines of the University of Minnesota was burned on the evening of February 14th, the loss approximating \$150,000, about sixty per cent. of which is covered by insurance.

A new educational building is nearing completion at the University of Georgia.

Syracuse University has been given an old church in the slum district of Syracuse, and the sociology department will conduct a social center there.

Coe College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, succeeded November 13th last in raising an endowment fund of \$650,000, which is the largest sum ever raised by a college west of the Mississippi River.

Andrew Carnegie, on April 3, 1913, added another \$1,000,000 to the endowment funds of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, making a total of \$8,000,000 that he has given to the endowment fund of that institution. The last gift was entirely in cash.

Illinois Wesleyan University has lately finished a successful campaign of raising \$125,000 in its home city of Bloomington, and is now working on a \$200,000 campaign in the county.

Middlebury College has a new laboratory building for its department of chemistry and has also acquired an athletic field, the former erected with a portion of the General Education Board's fund of \$200,000 and the latter the gift of a friend.

A bill has been before the Legislature of Nebraska to move the University from its present location in the heart of Lincoln to a new site two miles from the city limits. Opinion is divided on the advisability of this change of location.

A new \$250,000 library has been opened at Ohio State University.

Acting President Hooper, of Tufts College, has obtained the \$100,000 fund which he undertook to raise some time ago, and has made a good start toward a fund of \$50,000, which he hopes soon to complete.

Dr. James M. Taylor has resigned the presidency of Vassar College, to take effect at the close of the term in June. Dr. Taylor has held his present position for 26 years.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology is planning dormitory buildings for its new location in Cambridge. This is a feature that the Institute now lacks, and it is expected that it will result in a stronger undergraduate life and spirit.

Dartmouth College has created the office of business director, to relieve the president of the fiscal duties of his office.

The students of the University of Cincinnati have planned a circus or carnival for this spring for the benefit of athletics. Each fraternity will have space on the "Midway" and will participate in the entertainment.

Furnald Hall, a new dormitory, is being erected at Columbia University, the corner-stone having been laid early in December by Mrs. Furnald, the donor.

"Participation in student activities that lie outside the regular curriculum will be regulated hereafter by faculty action in Ohio State University. Scholarship will be the test to determine a student's eligibility to hold office in any organization or to have a position on any publication board. If a student is delinquent, either by a condition or failure in any of his studies, he is ineligible to hold office or position of trust or honor in any organization. There are, at present, ninety organizations, other than social, among the students of this University, and the faculty believes that the students often (if left unrestricted) devote time to these minor matters

which should be given to their studies. The same eligibility qualifications will be required of students holding office in these organizations that are required of students taking part in intercollegiate athletics. Hereafter all undergraduates at the University of Michigan will be required to fill out cards giving a list of their campus activities. This plan is the result of the desire of the faculty to have complete record of the personnel of student organizations."—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ.*

It is planned to make the next commencement of Alabama Polytechnic Institute a home-coming commencement. The dates set are June 2d and 3d. Invitations have been sent out to 2,000 alumni and former students.

Bowdoin College has selected the polar bear as its official mascot. The selection is significant in that Bowdoin is a northern college, white is one of its colors, and Bowdoin played a great part in the successful polar expedition. Peary, '77, and McMillan, '97, the explorers, and General Hubbard, '57, who financed the expedition, are alumni of Bowdoin.

The University of Denver has started a campaign for a larger endowment. The General Education Board has offered \$100,000 if the University will raise \$300,000 before December, 1914. The students have been asked to help by pledging at least \$25 each.

Three new buildings are being erected at the University of Illinois: a commerce building, a woman's building, and a new armory.

Yale University has announced a diplomatic course to give preparation for the consular service. Sixteen hours a week for two years are offered. Those who complete the course will be given, on recommendation of the committee in charge, a certificate signed by the president of the university and the dean of the graduate school. The course will not interfere with the regular work for the A. B. degree, and is not intended to furnish courses for the junior and senior years, but part of the work may be taken in those years, if it does not conflict with the requirements for the degree.

The students at Syracuse University are giving student government a trial this semester. If satisfactory, it is to be a permanent institution.

On April 11, 1913, were announced gifts aggregating \$155,000 to Princeton University. This money is given unconditionally, to be used as the trustees see fit.

Miss Florence Corbett, of New York City, has been appointed manager of the college dinning halls at Princeton University, to take effect next year. She will have entire charge of the "Commons," where the members of the two under classes are required to eat. Miss Corbett is at present superintendent of the dining halls of the Teachers' College of Columbia University.

Stanford University and the University of California have started a system of trading professors for lectures along their particular lines. Recently Professor Ira B. Cross, of Stanford, spoke at California on "The Socialist Movement," and Professor T. H. Reed, of California, spoke at Stanford on "The Corruption of Politics by Big Business."

The Chicago Literary Monthly is the name of a new magazine projected by students of the University of Chicago, and it is the intention of the editors to have it represent both the undergraduates and the students actively engaged in graduate work. The magazine has departments devoted to fiction, essays, and poetry, to editorial comment, to book reviews and appreciations of the artistic sides of the University's life such as music and dramatics, and to special articles by or about distinguished visitors and speakers at the University. The size of the magazine is thirty-two pages and the first issue appeared in March.

"The arrangement between the University of Chicago and the University of Cambridge, by which the latter is given the exclusive agency in the British Empire for the former's publications, is now being supplemented by a reciprocal agreement, the Chicago institution taking over the American agency for a number of the Cambridge publications. An

arrangement has already been concluded for the Cambridge journals, and the following periodicals in the future will be issued in America under joint imprint: *Biometrika*; *Parasitology*; *Journal of Genetics*; *The Journal of Hygiene*; *The Modern Language Review*; *The British Journal of Psychology*; *The Journal of Agricultural Science*.

Several new books from the Cambridge list are also to be taken over at once and published in this country under joint auspices. The list includes *The Life and Letters of Lord Hardwicke*, by M. Philip Chesney Yorke; *The Duab of Turkestan*, by W. Rickmer Rickmers; *The History of Romanesque and Byzantine Architecture*, by Thomas Graham Jackson; and *The Genus Iris*, by William Rickatson Dykes. The publications selected all embody the results of research. This movement toward a closer co-operation between the two universities is a matter of special interest to all who are concerned with the advancement of scientific and scholarly research and the preservation of its results. The difficulties involved in the publication of such material are too obvious to need comment, and it is hoped that an arrangement that promises so much aid in this direction may be further extended."—*The University of Chicago News Letter*.

HELLENIC.

The following fraternity expansion is noted:

$\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ —University of California, Massachusetts Agricultural College, and University of Nebraska.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ —University of North Dakota, Colorado College, and Iowa State College.

$\Sigma \Lambda E$ —Kansas State College.

$\Lambda \Gamma \Delta$ —Northwestern University.

$\Lambda O \Pi$ —University of Minnesota.

$\Delta \Delta \Delta$ —University of Wyoming and University of Nevada.

$K K \Gamma$ —University of Oregon.

$X \Omega$ —Ohio University and Miami University.

Conventions have been announced as follows:

ΚΑ (Southern)—Memphis, Tenn., December 29, 30, 31, 1913.

ΚΜ (Medical)—Chicago, November 27, 28, 29, 1913.

ΘΝΕ—April 4 and 5, Hotel McAlpin, New York City.

ΑΓΔ—Madison, Wis., April 24, 25, 26, 1913.

ΣΣΣ (Normal)—Buffalo, N. Y., June 24, 25, 26, 27, 1913

Intersorority relations at Nebraska are at present of the most delicate. Semester pledging was tried at Nebraska by the girls this year. So many of the sororities were guilty of infractions of rushing rules that the Council, made up of active representatives of the different societies, refused to vote a penalty on any organization, and the president of the Council was without power to do so. On pledge day, February 22nd, ΔΓ announced her withdrawal from the Council. ΑΦ threatens to take like action. Eleven sororities are affected: ΑΦ, ΧΩ, ΑΞΔ, ΑΧΩ, ΔΔΔ, ΔΓ, ΔΖ, ΚΑΘ, ΚΚΓ, ΠΒΦ and ΑΟΗ.

Some anti-fraternity feeling has been stirred up again at Barnard, and an investigation is under way to determine whether fraternities help or hinder the college. *The Key* of ΚΚΓ gives the plan which has been adopted to solve the question:

"A committee has been organized to investigate the system, its effect on Barnard, its success or failure in other colleges and possible social systems for substitution. The committee consists of the dean (chairman), four other members of the faculty (those constituting the faculty committee on student organization), four alumnae (two of whom are fraternity members, two of whom are not), a fraternity senior and junior and a non-fraternity senior and junior. Every member of the committee is to act as an individual, that is, a fraternity girl is not bound to vote for the continuance of the fraternity system, if during the session she becomes convinced that another method would benefit Barnard. The committee is to have open meetings at which any one may give testimony concerning the question in hand, and written communications will be carefully considered. The committee holds its first meeting on January 8th, and will set no time for the completion of its task."

The sophomore pledging rule which was in effect at the University of Montana has, on petition of the fraternities, been set aside by the faculty, and the fraternities are now allowed to pledge immediately after the Christmas vacation.

Members of sororities seem to be better students than members of fraternities, according to the statistics given out at the University of Illinois. The sororities' grades range from 86.4 to 81.5, while the fraternities' grades range from 85.66 to 75.63. The sorority average is about three per cent. higher than the fraternity average.

And now we have an honorary musical fraternity! McDowell Chapter of M K A was recently organized at the University of Illinois. The plan is to found chapters at various universities, naming the chapters after famous musicians. Regular meetings will be held, the feature of which will be the musical programs.

The Cornell Chapter of ΔX has sold its house at 503 East Buffalo street, Ithaca, N. Y., to the Beta Chapter of A Ψ .

K A Θ has arranged a European tour limited to members of that sorority, leaving New York on June 28th, immediately after the close of their convention.

By a vote of 13 to 10 the board of trustees of Wooster University have voted to prohibit any further initiations into fraternities. This action was taken as a result of an offer of \$1,000,000, by L. H. Severance of Cleveland, a wealthy Standard Oil man, on condition that Greek-letter societies be abolished. Because of the action taken three members of the board of trustees resigned. They were Judge Frank Taggart, Col. Samuel McClure, and Charles Moderwell. President Holden has been antagonistic to fraternities for several years, and it is believed that his influence had great weight in the decision.

A Γ Δ has now a house of its own at the University of Washington, made possible by the generosity of the fathers of the Washington A Γ Δ girls.

SIGMA PHI EPSILONS AT BALL IN MANILA.

"At a Pan-Hellenic ball held in Manila, Philippine Islands, December 16, 1911, the representation of the following fraternities was as follows: Alpha Delta Phi, 6; Alpha Tau Omega, 6; Beta Theta Pi, 7; Chi Phi, 2; Chi Psi, 4; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 2; Delta Psi, 1; Delta Tau Delta, 19; Delta Upsilon, 8; Kappa Alpha (Southern), 4; Kappa Sigma, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Phi Gamma Delta, 19; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Phi Kappa Sigma, 5; Phi Sigma Kappa, 1; Psi Upsilon, 4; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 11; Sigma Chi, 20; Sigma Nu, 8; Sigma Phi, 1; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 4; Zeta Psi, 7."—*Quarterly of Sigma Chi* (Quoted in *The Anchora of ΔΓ*).

The non-fraternity students at DePauw University have formed an organization which they have called the "Commons" or Delta Alpha.

The University of California Chapter of K K Γ has a handsome new home which is a great credit to that chapter and fraternity

"Zeta Tau Alpha, the only Jewish fraternity, was established at the City College of New York in 1898. The chapter roll is as follows: Alpha, College of City of New York; Beta, Long Island College Hospital; Gamma, University and Bellevue and Medical College; Delta, Columbia University; Epsilon, New York University; Zeta, Case School of Applied Science; Theta, University of Pennsylvania; Kappa, Cornell University; Mu, Boston University; Lambda, Western Reserve University; Sigma, Tulane University; Eta, Union University; Iota, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn; Mu, Ohio State University; Xi, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Omicron, Syracuse University; Pi, Louisiana State; Rho, University of Illinois, and Phi, University of Michigan. An alumni organization is maintained in New York City."—*The Anchora of ΔΓ*.

At the Φ Δ Θ convention held at Chicago December 30th to January 4th last there were in attendance 636 persons. Among the matters considered at the convention were a provision prohibiting

the initiation of members of preparatory or high school fraternities, subject to the action of the inter-fraternity conference, and the adoption of a rule prohibiting the use of liquor at all fraternity functions.

Another method for mutual aid and for getting acquainted among Greeks is shown by the following from the University of Oklahoma chapter correspondence in *The Caduceus* of $\mathbf{K} \Sigma$:

"As the members of Holmes chapter of Phi Delta Phi do not have a chapter house, they have instituted, with the co-operation of the six fraternities who have houses, a novel scheme for meeting together socially at least twice a month at the noon hour in a designated fraternity home. The chapter house selected for the meeting is given over to Phi Delta Phi for the hour and the members of the fraternity so selected are apportioned out in groups of three or four to go to the other five fraternity houses for this meal. Thus the members of Phi Delta Phi not only get together, but aid the chapters of social organizations to become better acquainted with each other. The plan has been unanimously adopted by all concerned and it is the belief that the scheme will meet with success."

The work of the Nashville convention of $\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$, which was held December 26, 27 and 28, 1912, is thus summed up by a writer in *The Record* of $\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$:

"When they had concluded it, they had dispatched a great volume of routine business, opened the door of $\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$ to a great American institution, provided a life subscription plan to the fraternity magazines, secured the ties that bind the alumni, perfected the wonderful organization of $\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$, sent out the best fraternity man in America on a nation-wide mission to our chapters and alumni associations, declared for scholarship, clean chapter life and true manhood, and renewed their vows to $\Sigma \mathbf{A} \mathbf{E}$."

"Phi Delta Theta has courageously set the example for other fraternities and at its convention in Chicago adopted a resolution which will prevent the initiation into that fraternity of any one who has been a member of a secret organization during "prep" days. Perhaps such action on the

part of all college fraternities would bring about wiser legislation than now proposed in many states, and we hope that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will soon be one of those national organizations to assist in this good work of elimination and at the same time self-preservation."—*The Record* of Σ A E.

A local fraternity to be known as the Silver Lynx was recently organized at Nebraska.

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

John H. Bowen, Editor.

One of the foremost questions in the minds of those attending the last Conclave at Detroit was how to reach our Alumni. At that time a resolution was passed providing for a Committee to arrange some plan that might be acted upon by the Grand Chapter at the next Conclave. Bro. F. S. Robbins, who has always taken a keen interest in everything pertaining to Fraternal advancement, is serving on this Committee. He writes that the Committee is hard at work and expects to work out a plan and report at the next Conclave. Bro. Robbins' address is Pitcairn, Pa., and he will be glad to hear from those with suggestions to offer.

For one who has long thought along the line of Alumni Organization, the necessity for such a course has ceased to be an issue. That our Fraternity is for undergraduates must not be lost sight of, if we are to continue to lead young men through the perplexities of a college career. To direct, lead, and inspire young men during their training, with no consideration for the long years following, is denying to the Alumni their best and dearest associations and depriving the fraternity of the fruits of its own victories. The farmer would not acquire land, enrich the soil, plant his crops, nurse the plants to maturity and then abandon all to the passerby. If the Fraternity is to render its greatest service, it must lay its hands upon its members in young manhood and hold to them through their entire lives.

Concerning the plan of Organization, there seem to be many ideas in the minds of those who have thought favorably along this line. We are particularly fortunate in this respect, for we have had little experience, few organizations, and are not bound by precedent, history, or custom. We do not have to wait for other Fraternities to act, nor have we to follow their scheme of Alumni Organization. Already we have startled the fraternal world with our rapid progress and eminent fitness to settle successfully any and all questions that have arisen. Then with these things accomplished,

with every plan adopted, or inaugurated by the Grand Chapter working smoothly, I cannot conceive how this particular one cannot be settled in like manner, if we only will. As has been stated, there are many ideas prevalent in the fraternal world with regard to organization. One is to organize chapters in the principal cities consisting of those members residing in the particular cities without regard to Chapter affiliations. That is to say, all members of $\Sigma\Phi E$ residing in New York City would belong to that Alumni Chapter. Another idea seems to be that the Alumni Chapter should be a part of the Active Chapter and that the Alumni Members of the several Chapters should exert their influence through their respective Chapters. The Chapter would represent them and they would work for the welfare of the Chapter as they did while Active Members. Still another opinion is that the Alumnus should join the Alumni Chapter nearest his present residence regardless of the location of his Active Chapter, in which instance the Alumni Chapters are organized in conjunction with the College Chapter. A more advanced plan and one tending to revolutionize the Fraternity, if not carefully worked out, is to have a system of Alumni Chapters separate and distinct from the Active Chapters. These to have a Constitution and By-laws separate and distinct from the College Chapters; charge fees for membership, annual dues, and allow the Chapters representation in the Grand Chapter.

Unless the older members are shown their responsibility for Fraternal success, we will continue an organization controlled by young men. At the Conclave of 1912 there were few present who were present at the Richmond, Washington, or Chicago Conclaves. Such should not be the case. We must hold the interest of our members, if the Fraternity is to reap that which she has sown. We invite the Older Members to attend meetings in which they have neither vote nor voice and then complain that only Delegates attend. The best way to enlist interest in any enterprise is to make the individuals feel that they are part of the business and personally responsible for its success or failure. The Fraternity is no exception. Every method, plan, or device proposed should be broad, definite and inclusive. Not a single member of $\Sigma\Phi E$ should be allowed

to lose interest or drift away from his fellows, if persistent individual and collective effort can hold him within the organization.

To center Alumni Chapters in the large cities of the country would deprive a large number of alumni of the privilege, for the towns and small cities are not always readily accessible to the large cities.

If the Alumni Chapters were joined to the Active Chapters at the colleges, the difficulties would be even greater. With hundreds and thousands of miles separating the Active Chapters from those who have graduated, it is not to be supposed that either Chapter or Alumnus could render active and effective service to their fraternity as an organization.

Now, the defects of the other plans shown, it remains only to name a few advantages the Fraternity would gain should we adopt the final plan proposed. Our policy has been and is, to install New Active Chapters when the application meets with the approval of the Charter committee. We reserve the right to accept or reject any application, dealing with each case on its merits. So, the plan proposed is to organize and install Alumni Chapters on the same principle as now used with the Active Chapters, charging fees, allowing representation in the Grand Chapter, and always reserving the right to withdraw the Charter of any Alumni Chapter for cause. The idea is to grant charters to groups of Alumni who can show their worth as an organization. The process may seem slow, but with the proper effort, it must be effective. This will cultivate sociability, enlist interest, and become, in time, the soul of the Fraternity as an Organization.

ALUMNI NOTES

GEORGIA ALPHA.

Bro. Thomas W. Jones has left the fire insurance business to accept a good position with the Nunnally Company of Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. P. C. Herault, who was married to Miss Laura Artope Reid last October, is now located in Rome, Ga., with the Construction Department of the Georgia Railway and Power Company.

Bros. D. S. McLaurin and W. L. Treadaway are with the South-eastern Underwriters Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Elwyn W. Tomlinson has a position with the Southern Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. K. W. Massey is master of a river boat plying the Cumberland River, with headquarters at Burnside, Ky.

Bro. Phil. T. Shutze is studying architecture at Columbia University.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

Bros. J. A. Kern, J. B. Wyatt, W. E. Watson, and P. G. Armstrong are practicing law at Fairmont, W. Va.

Bro. F. R. Reeves is in the lumber business at Wheeling, W. Va.

Bro. Claude S. Getrick is Engineer for the Jameson Coal and Coke Company at Fairmont, W. Va.

Bro. E. Claude Rexler is with the Cheat Haven Electric Company.

Bro. G. B. Hartley is in the engineering business at Morgantown, W. Va.

Bro. T. B. West was acting Adj. General of the West Virginia State troops, stationed at Paint Creek, W. Va.

Bro. H. G. Wheat is principal of the High School at Davis, W. Va.

Bro. Blake Taylor is on an engineering expedition in Kentucky.

Bro. Marion L. Taylor is County Engineer, stationed at Elkins, W. Va.

VIRGINIA THETA.

Bro. Paul N. English, of Richmond, was recently appointed a lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Bro. Harold Smith is with the Westinghouse Electric Co., at Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Newell E. Thomas is with the Forbes Tea and Spice Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. L. T. Gerow is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a lieutenant in the U. S. Army.

Bro. Joseph G. English is commandant at Horner's Military Academy, Oxford, N. C.

Bro. C. C. Brown is with the Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Chas. E. Moore, who was Captain of the 1912 Virginia Military Institute foot-ball and base-ball teams, is First Captain of the Cadet Corps at the Institute this year.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Bro. E. N. Atkinson is in the real estate business with his father at Asheville, N. C.

Bro. K. Y. Rockwell is permanently located in the real estate business in Seattle, Washington. His address is Hotel Lee.

Bro. "Jap" Efird pitched for the Roanoke team in the Virginia State League again last Summer.

Bro. Watt Efird, who is in the mercantile business in Charlotte, N. C., was recently married.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

Bro. G. L. H. Johnson, Principal of the Franklin, Virginia, Schools is a candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools in Southampton County.

Bro. John Y. Mason is Principal of the High School at Boykins, Va.

Bro. Virginius L. Arnold is practicing law at Waverly, Va.

Bros. Blackwell and Clements are teaching in Richmond, Va.

Bro. Geo. P. Arnold is Principal of a High School near Richmond, Virginia.

Bro. John S. Berwind is doing engineering work for the Chile Exploration Company and is located at Chuquicamto, Chili.

Bro. J. H. Bowen is Chairman of the Athletic Committee to arrange for a Grand Outdoor Festival on May 17, at Norfolk, Virginia, in the interest of the Playgrounds' Association of the City.

WEST VIRGINIA ALPHA.

Bro. R. G. Manley will be married to Miss Ellen Leonard, of Ohiojuyle, Pa., on June the twenty-fourth. Mr. and Mrs. Manley will sail from New York on the twenty-eighth for Antwerp. While away they will spend time at Cologne, Zurich, Pilsen, Florence, and

Naples. Bro. Manley is engaged in Immigrant work for the Coke Region of Pennsylvania, and will spend three months of his six months' leave of absence in studying the language and history of Bohemia. Such good fortune is not for many men, but we rejoice with Bro. Manley.

Bro. A. F. Hanes is located at Brownsville, Pa., engaged in the work of the West Pennsylvania Christian Missionary Work.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

Bro. A. O. Christianson, '12, is teaching Manual Training in Public School No. 11, Jersey City, N. J.

Bro. W. B. Purvis, '12, is studying in the Teachers' College, Columbia University

Bro. E. C. Bosworth, '11, is Principal of the Detroit Technical Institute.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Bro. E. L. Greenwald, Colorado Alpha, '08, has been very busy since February 1, 1913, entertaining his first daughter. Brother Greenwald is a patent attorney with the firm of Foster, Freeman, Watson, and Coit, 511 McGill Building, Washington, D. C.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

On Saturday last, April 19th, Brother Shattuck broke the world's intercollegiate hammer throw record of 173 feet 6 inches, held for some years by Talbot of Pennsylvania State College, by a throw of 175 feet 10 inches, making the fifth time he has broken the record. The above heave is now the authentic record as the throw was made in a dual meet between the University of California and Stanford University. In one of his trial throws, Shattuck threw the hammer 178 feet 8 inches, but fouled out of the ring. He will be the world's champion next year if the prediction of "dopesters" is correct. Shattuck will compete in the I. C. A. A. A. meet in Howard Stadium on May 31st, and no doubt be one of the sensations of the day.

California Alpha and her alumni are justly proud of Shattuck

and are glad that he is enrolled as an enthusiastic and loyal member of the fraternity.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

"Dutch" Taylor is running his father's farm in New York state. R. M. Cate has secured a position with Brother Dodge.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Albert Wesley Dodge, '12, and Miss Melvina Alice Stanton, on April 28th, 1913, at Wenham, Mass.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

A note in *The Trident* of $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ makes mention of the announcement of the engagement of Edith Denney, $\Delta\Delta\Delta$, daughter of Bishop Denny of the Southern M. E. Church, to R. M. White, $\Sigma\Phi E$, the wedding to take place April 2d, in Richmond, Va.

DIRECTORY

Work has been begun on another edition of the Directory, and the assistance of all members of the Fraternity will be necessary to make it a success.

Chapters are requested to get in touch with all of their alumni and see that their proper address and occupation is on file with the chapter, so that no delay will be caused when the publisher of the Directory is ready for them.

Chapter Letters.

(The Journal is issued on October 20th, December 25th, March 1st and May 1st. Your chapter letter should be in the hands of the Editor twenty days before each date of publication. No notice other than this will be given. Have your letter typewritten and use but one side of the paper. The next letter will be due October 1st. —The Editor.

VIRGINIA ALPHA. RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. in Room on Campus.

It is with a feeling of deepest sorrow that we send this our last letter of the year to the JOURNAL. Many of us, perhaps as members of an active chapter, are sending our last letter to the JOURNAL. However, we hope that the most of us may not feel that on account of our leaving college that we should thus be cut off from our fraternity, but we trust that by the reason of our departure that we may be able to do some greater good for dear old Sigma Phi Epsilon, and there is no reason why we should not. We must always hold our fraternity dear to our hearts and be forever willing to do what we can to make it an ever-increasing success. The reason that some of us are leaving college and will be no longer members of an active chapter should not serve as an excuse to any of us for letting our interest become lax. Each one of us should feel that he has as great an interest in the fraternity as any other one, and should act accordingly.

Virginia Alpha graduates many of her strongest men this year, and while this is going to mean a great loss to the chapter, yet she feels justly proud in being able to contribute such worthy brothers to our Alumni. We sincerely hope and trust that they may even be as great an honor to the fraternity at large as they have been to Alpha Chapter.

We take great pleasure in introducing

Morgan Reagan Mills, Jr., Arts, '16, Richmond, Va.

He will be initiated on April 12th. Mr. Mills is a Richmond man, and we are sure that he is going to make an ideal fraternity man.

In securing college honors Virginia Alpha continues to hold her prominent place. This year Brothers Louthan and Johnson are members of the Annual Staff. Brother Louthan is also president of the German Club. Brother K. B. Lewis is a member of the Glee Club and bids fair to become a great musician.

In athletics Richmond College has had her usual success this year. During the track season, which has just closed, we were very successful. Our relay team won every race it ran with exception of one; this was when we were defeated by the team representing Johns Hopkins University. However, we have nothing to feel bad over, as this team held the South-Atlantic record, made this year, and then besides we got a bad start, as two of our men fell on the first lap. Perhaps there would have been a different story to tell if it wasn't for this fact. Brother Johnson was manager of the team.

In base-ball Richmond College expects to make a new record this year, as the material is better than it has been for several years. Brothers W. P. Lewis and K. B. Lewis have made the team and Brother Goldsmith bids fair to make a place before the season is out.

The German Club gave its Easter German on March the 26th at the Hermitage Club, and, as is customary, Alpha Chapter was well in the front. Among those of our brothers present were the following: Brothers Johnson, Louthan, Fox, K. B. Lewis, W. P. Lewis, Wright, and Colonna. They all report as having had a glorious time with the fair sex.

At the present time we are all looking forward to the 25th of April, when we expect to pull off the banner event of the year. The chapter will give its annual dance on this date at the Hermitage Club. It is needless to say that as this time draws near we are all expecting a great time and we wish that all of our brothers could be with us to help us make it a "big evening."

In closing we wish to extend greetings to all of our sister chapters and wish all of them a pleasant summer.

Telling you all that you are always welcome at Virginia Alpha, we remain,

Fraternally,

J. W. C. Johnson,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Meets Every Tuesday, 7:30 p m., at the Chapter House, 509 Front Street

West Virginia Beta Chapter sends greetings to all sister chapters in $\Sigma\Phi E$. Since our last letter to THE JOURNAL, West Virginia Beta has been very busy in college as well as social affairs. Many of the brothers are working hard to make the bowling team. Our regular team men are: Brothers "Red" Kersting, Arch Keller, Chas. Robinson and Ed. Shawman. Brother Kersting rolling the highest individual score in the league. Brothers Amos and Showman are out for the varsity pitching staff, while Brother Keller is a sure man at the second bag, and Big Brother Smith is making them all travel for the place behind the bat.

February 22nd was the tenth anniversary of the founding of $\Sigma\Phi E$ at West Virginia University. At this time, namely, February 21st, 22nd and 23rd, the old men came in crowds to visit their chapter. We all prepared to meet the occasion, and all in all it was a great success. The chief object of the reunion was to organize the alumni chapter of West Virginia Beta. The afternoon of the 21st was taken up by the arrival of our older brothers and the exchange of good fellowships. On the evening of February 21st we held our smoker at the chapter house. The afternoon of the 22nd was spent by the older brothers in forming the alumni association. The afternoon of the 23rd saw the completion of the West Virginia Beta Alumni Chapter of $\Sigma\Phi E$ Fraternity. Brother M. J. Cullinan, of Wheeling, West Va., was chosen President. Brother Watson, of Fairmont, West Va., was elected Vice-President, while Brother H. G. Wheat, of Davis, West Va., was elected Sec'y-Treasurer. On the evening of February 23rd, the older brothers assisted the active brothers in the ritualistic work of our initiation. We here take great pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters the following new brothers:

Edgar Omer Shawman, '16, B. S., Masontown, Pa.

Eugene Hill Arnold, '16, LL. B., Elkins, W. Va.

Curtis Edgar Amos, '13, Law, Fairmont W. Va.

We feel sure that these new brothers will add much glory to the

already triumphant banner of $\Sigma\Phi E$. After the initiation was over the entire alumni and active members marched in a body to the Manhattan Hotel where a very elaborate banquet was served. Our very popular Brother "Fat" Wyatt presided as toastmaster. A great number of enthusiastic speeches were delivered. Brothers Cullinan, Arnold, Schenck and Keller also delivered very pointed talks, while Brother Joseph R. Curl gave the boys a very instructive as well as a very pleasant talk. After the banquet all men retired to the chapter house for the last good wishes and hearty hand-shakes.

In closing, West Virginia extends invitation to all brothers to visit us any time. We are always glad to see a brother in $\Sigma\Phi E$.

Fraternally,

Earl G. Kaltenbach,
Chapter Historian.

W. VA. BETA.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Meets Every Monday, 7.30 p m., in Chapter House, 1444 Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Ill.

Illinois Alpha again extends her heartiest congratulations to all sister chapters. May the year be a successful one in all our fraternal activities.

After a period of dreaded delay and silence our mid-year reports are out and as usual all S. P. E's. have clean sheets. We realize that all are about ready to face the finals of the year and success to all is our earnest wish.

Our present senior representatives of $\Sigma\Phi E$ are all preparing for the alumni role and it is with regret that we leave the chapter house and seek the uncongenial fields of the world. Nearly all seniors have secured hospital appointments to put an edge on the theoretical knowledge already obtained. Brother Edwards has secured the appointment at the La Crosse, Wisconsin, General Hospital and will no doubt be heard from before long in the surgical world. Brothers Dowell and Bloomfield will start their services at the Alexian Brothers Hospital, one of the largest in Chicago, in the

near future. Brother Simmons will go to the Toledo General Hospital sometime in June. Brothers Tupper and Brown are already in the St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, one of the much sought for appointments by all medical students. Brother Smith will start his service in St. Mary's Hospital, at Peoria, and we hereby warn all nurses of this captivating young advocate of the "pill-case."

Our junior students will push carts at the various hospitals in Chicago in the capacity of internes during the summer vacation. Brothers Carls, Van Kirk and Langan will do odd jobs for A. J. Oschner at the Augustana Hospital during the intermission. Brother Kellner will continue his much valued service at St. Mary's Hospital, Chicago, during the summer and will also study the principles of surgery at the college.

Sigma Phis at Illinois were agreeably surprised by and enjoyed the visit of Brother "Pat" Moorehead, Michigan Alpha '13, some weeks ago. Brother Moorehead is employed in Chicago and we look forward to his success and satisfaction in the city. Attorney E. C. Dowell, of Para, Ill., visited his brother a few days ago and we all understand why it pays to be a lawyer. Brothers Freese and Hoffman with his American Underslung brings up the procession. their "autos." Brother Freese has a Lozier tourer, while Brother Hoffman with his American Underslung brings up the procession. Brother Vaughan, '12, spent a night with us while enroute from La Salle, Ill., to Kalamazoo, Mich., to purchase office fixtures. Brother Alvin Thompson is now with the V. Mueller Surgical house, being employed in the bacteriological stain department. He expects to open up his new North Side office in a few weeks.

Electiton of chapter officers will take place in the near future. Our annual alumni banquet will be held during May at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, and everybody is looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

Brothers Carls and Rowland have been released outright by the S. P. E. base-ball team and it is our hope they may fare better in other athletic activities.

In conclusion, Illinois Alpha repeats its standing invitation to all itinerants to taste of our hospitality while in Chicago. The brothers unite in sending greetings to all sister chapters.

Fraternally,

Richard H. Juers,

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Meets Every Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Chapter House, 1105, 11th Street.

*"Come, fill the Cup, and in the fire of Spring
Your Winter-garment of Repentance fling:
The Bird of Time has but a little way
To flutter — and the Bird is on the Wing.
—Fitzgerald.*

As we look back over the past year of college activities how forcibly it is impressed upon us that the Bird is on the wing. The time since the first letter went to THE JOURNAL in last September seems as nothing. As commencement time approaches we ask the question, "What have we done this year that will stand for the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon?" and "Have we gotten the most out of the opportunities that have fallen within our hand's grasp?"

With the answers to these questions Colorado Alpha can be very well satisfied. The year has been, on the whole, all that could be expected and we have no cause for regret. We have been well represented in athletics: our scholarship, with the exception of a few cases, has been up to par: our new members have proven themselves worthy wearers of the Heart: financially we are on a better basis than we have been for a number of years: and in other branches of college activities we have done our part. In debating we have had two brothers on the Varsity team: Carl Cline and Edward Dunklee. In track and Varsity baseball we are represented by Brothers Cline, Hartman, and Bowland. In Fraternity baseball our team promises to be a winner. Brother Sheehan is captain and manager.

Since the last chapter letter went to THE JOURNAL we have done little in a social way. Our annual picnic will be held as usual this year, on June the 2d, at beautiful Glacier Lake. The event is being looked forward to with much enthusiasm by the brothers. High-School Day will be observed at the Fraternity House by a smoker and other forms of entertainment for our high-school guests.

At the beginning of this semester a system to aid in the collection of debts was adopted by the chapter, which has aided greatly in its purpose. A similar system might be used effectively by the other chapters, and it is for this reason that the plan is here given. A motion was passed to instruct the house manager to send all bills left unpaid by the 10th of the month home to the parents, together with a letter stating that the bill was in no way intended to be a dun, but that its purpose was merely to inform the parents of the actual living expenses of their son, and the amount of his balance, in order that proper provision might be made in the future. When a brother realizes that his father will see what his indebtedness to the fraternity actually is he is less likely to become delinquent in the payment of his bills, especially if his father remits him sufficient money to cover his expenses. This has been the result in the case of the Colorado Alpha Chapter since the method has been enforced.

On Monday night, April 7th, we initiated

Carl Peter Cline, Arts, '16, Rocky Ford, Colo.,

and hereby introduce him as a brother in the fraternity. He is a splendid addition to the chapter and will be a credit to the fraternity at large.

Commencement this year will take from our midst some of Colorado Alpha's strongest men, and we look forward a little sadly, perhaps, to the time when these brothers shall leave the active chapter to take their places in the great fraternity that is world-wide — the fraternity of mankind, but these men are going out to honor Sigma Phi Epsilon. They have been fostered and blessed by her sacred ties, which can never be severed, and they in turn will add to her everlasting glory. The chairs that they leave vacant will be hard to fill, but when next year comes around new blood will flow in the

veins of the chapter to take the place of the old, and the heart of Sigma Phi Epsilon will beat as strongly as ever.

Those who graduate are Brothers Henry A. Doerner, Louis G. Bradfield, Raymond W. White, Porter H. Brace, George W. Culver, Edward V. Dunklee, and T. Ernest Atkinson who finishes his first two years of the medical course in Boulder.

Since this is the last letter to THE JOURNAL this year, we take this opportunity to extend to all brothers our best wishes for a pleasant and profitable summer.

Fraternally,

Morris M. Fritchman,

COLORADO ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Meets Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., at the Chapter House, 3745 Spruce St., Phila.

Since our last letter, we of Pennsylvania Delta have been extremely busy, for the last lap of the college year is pretty stiff. The brothers are all out doing things and making the influence of $\Sigma\Phi E$ more widely felt. Walter Levering has just been elected manager of the wrestling team for next year and, in addition, has had the honor of being elected president of the Intercollegiate Wrestling Association. Brother Given has been made assistant-manager of the gym. team. "Shorty" Sayre and "Pi" Schwert are pitcher and catcher respectively, on the Varsity baseball team, while Brother Simpson is holding down the third bag on the scrubs. S. P. E. is well represented on the river: Dick Littleton rows No. 6 on the Varsity eight; Odgers is stroking the Varsity four; A. J. Foster is coxswain of the freshman crew; and Art Littleton is also on the freshman crew. Austin Lawrence was just awarded a "sPi", as a mainstay of the swimming team. Steele is running the half and quarter on the track team. Two of our freshmen are making decidedly good on the 1916 track team.

We wish to introduce:

Initiated April 22d:

Loyal Young Graham, Wharton, '16, Wissinoming, Pa.

In the forensic field, Brother Thompson is president of the University Debate Council. Mancill is vice-president of the second year Law Class and holds the same office in the Hare Law Club. The chapter scribe has been elected associate-editor of the *Punch Bowl*. At the recent Christian Association elections Schwert was elected vice-president from the Wharton School and Levering vice-president from the Medical School. The latter and a pledge have been elected to the newly-formed Cross Country Club. Pete Hallowell represents us in the Mask and Club's show as a member of the dancing chorus. The fraternity has been well represented on the important class and University committees.

During the Easter holidays several brothers visited other chapters. Brother Levering reports a pleasant call on the Cornell "bunch," and Brother Chiquoine enjoyed the hospitality of the D. C. Alpha chapter for several days. We have had the pleasure during the last few weeks of having a number of brothers from other chapters drop in on us. Our latch-string is always out. Interfraternity baseball begins soon and we will put a nine on the field. The historian almost forgot to herald the annual chapter dance which will be held on May 20th at the Belfield Country Club.

As this is our last letter of the present college year, we wish all our sister chapters success in the final "exams" and a pleasant and profitable summer.

Fraternally,

A. D. Chiquoine, Jr.,

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY.

Meets Every Friday, 11:00 p.m., at Chapter House.

The fact that this is the last letter of the session reminds us that the college year is fast coming to a close, and we hardly know which feeling predominates—joy or sadness. Of course, we look forward to the summer vacation and know that all will have great times, but there is also an element of sadness in the close of the term that we can't escape, for we must part with the fellows we've lived

with so happily for the past eight months,—but then, no more “tears,” for we’ll hope to see them all again in a very short time.

The year past has been a very successful one for our chapter and we feel highly gratified with the results. We came together last fall with but four old men in the chapter and felt somewhat discouraged at the outlook, but these four got to work and added seven to their number, bringing the membership up to eleven at this writing. Another thing the chapter has done that we are proud of is the securing of new quarters. While our old house was very convenient to college and town, the house itself was not very well adapted to our needs and we are very glad to announce the change to our new house, which is the very thing for a Fraternity, with its large living room, parlor, meeting room, and plenty of bed-rooms.

Unfortunately for the chapter, we lose four of our best men this year: Brothers Games, Cato, Cooper and Gale. These men have worked hard for the chapter and we’ll miss them very much. The rest of us will do our best to follow their example next year, however, and if we do this there can be no question but that the session of 1913-1914 will be a banner year for Virginia Delta.

We have been fortunate in having with us the following brothers since our last letter: J. H. Bowen, J. Y. Mason, H. H. Blackwell, J. D. Clements and H. L. Savedge.

In closing, we wish to extend to every $\Sigma \Phi E$ our best wishes for success in his final exams and a very pleasant vacation.

Faternally,

O. W. Frey,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND
MECHANIC ARTS

Meets Every Other Sunday, 2:00 p.m., in Chapter House.

This old school year is rapidly drawing to a close and the time will soon come for us to lay aside our school books for the summer vacation, but before this year closes more must be done for the bet-

terment of $\Sigma \Phi E$ fraternity. There is lots of good material on the campus of A. and M., and we feel sure that every brother will do all in his power to find the good men and see that they become $\Sigma \Phi E$ brothers.

Since our last chapter letter was sent to the editor of THE JOURNAL, we have had our initiation and banquet. The initiation was held on the night of February 7th, and the banquet followed the initiation. The banquet was enjoyed by everyone present. A number of N. C. Gama brothers were present to witness the initiation and partake of the good food which was set before them at the banquet. I cannot say that those initiated enjoyed the initiation as much as those who did the initiating, but nevertheless, they willingly took it, knowing that they soon would be members of the $\Sigma \Phi E$ Fraternity.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large: Thomas Hall Holmes, E. E., '16, Goldsboro, N. C.

Charles Milton Morris, Agriculture, '16, Concord, N. C.

Initiated April 11th:

Raymond Allen Jones, C. E., '15, Charlotte, N. C.

Although the number to join us was not large, yet we feel that we have three very good brothers, who will do all they can to promote the standard of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Our chapter is now in great distress. On May 3d Brother G. T. Roth departed this life after suffering from blood poisoning for several months. Brother Roth was a promising young man, and we all deeply mourn his loss and sympathize with his sorrowing family.

A cordial invitation was extended to the brothers of N. C. Beta to attend the banquet given by the brothers of N. C. Gama. A number of N. C. Beta brothers were present and a delightful and enjoyable evening was spent with their sister chapter.

Since the opening of the baseball season, A. and M. has played five games, being victorious in every game except one. This one was lost Easter Monday by a score of 2 to 4 in favor of Wake Forest. A track meet was held here Easter Monday in which A. and M. took first place. Much of the success of the track team is due to the excellent management of Brother L. C. Hand, who devotes much of his valuable time to that work.

The H. K. A. gave their annual dance Easter Monday night complimentary to the other fraternities, and $\Sigma \Phi E$ was well represented.

On the night of May 27th, N. C. Beta will give their annual dance with Kappa Sigma. This dance is one of the greatest social events of the season, and we hope to have many visiting brothers with us on this occasion.

Wishing all our brothers success in the coming days, we remain,
Fraternally.

F. K. Kramer,

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Monday, 10:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 517 S. Gilbert Street.

As we send greetings to all sister chapters in $\Sigma \Phi E$, in this, our last letter of this school year, we are reminded that it is only a few weeks until commencement. At that time many of our brothers will leave Ohio Northern to take their positions in various fields of activity.

During the past term Brothers Hazeltine and Shepherd, having completed their college work, have gone to Akron, Ohio; Brother Shepherd to enter a law firm, while Brother Hazeltine enters the employ of the Goodyear Rubber Co. as civil engineer. Owing to Brother Hazeltine's leaving, Brother Lake has been appointed business manager of the College Annual in his stead.

In June several of our most active brothers will graduate:

Brother Henry, E. E.

Brother Yambert, E. E. and M. E., Vice-Pres. of Senior Class;
Secretary of the Ohio Northern University Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Brother Smith, C. E., Pres. of New York Club.

Brother Haight, C. E.

Brother Wilson, E. M.

Brother Zimmermann, M. E. and E. E.

Brother Lake, B. Sc., Business Manager of Annual.

Brother Herrick has returned after a year's absence in the employ of Morgan Wright Co., Detroit, Mich., to complete his course in Mechanical Engineering.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Initiated April 7th:

Dwight W. Mahaffey, C. E., 1915, Morral, Ohio.

Initiated April 21st:

John Henry Homrighons, E. E., '14, Lancaster, Ohio.

Initiated April 28th:

Scott E. Garling, E. E., '14, Fayette, Ohio.

Initiated May 5th:

Lester Maurice Callaghan, C. E., '16, Rempel, Ohio.

On Friday, February 21st, Ohio Alpha entertained at a Colonial Dinner its honorary members together with the prominent business men of the city.

Ohio Northern has an unusually good schedule in baseball for this season, and Brothers Boesger, Park, Wilson, Starry and Smith are out on the diamond trying out for places on the team. Brother Park won his "N" on last year's team.

Several of our brothers are out for spring practice with the football squad and we are confident of a good showing on the team next fall.

To those who are graduating may we wish the greatest of success, and may they ever cherish the high ideals of $\Sigma\Phi E$. To all our sister chapters let us extend best wishes for their future and may we return next fall with renewed enthusiasm.

Fraternally,

L. A. Bachlin,

Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.

INDIANA ALPHA.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:00 p. m., at the Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street, West Lafayette.

Once more the school year is drawing to a close and we hope that each man and each chapter may look back over the year with a feel-

ing of pride towards the year's work. It is with a feeling of pride and sadness that Indiana Alpha sends her last letter to her sister chapters and with it comes the best wishes that you have striven for and have attained the best that is to be obtained for the Fraternity. There are many things that we have set out to attain and have failed, but this failure brought the feeling that we will come back next year with a stronger feeling and we will succeed in accomplishing greater things. May each man have the same feeling.

On the evening of April 22nd, Indiana Alpha will initiate the following men, all of whom we are very proud to introduce into the Fraternity:

Initiated April 2d:

Fred Lowell Ritchie, Sc., '16, Lebanon, Ind.

William Milton Harmon, Agr., '16, Pine Village, Ind.

Vernon Christopher Hosselman, E. E., '16, Lima, Ohio.

Mark Joseph DeVoe, E. E., '16, Lima, Ohio.

Harold Matheson Pence, Agr., '16, Pence, Ind.

Initiated April 16th:

Joseph Ramsey Cavanagh, Agr., '16, Indianapolis, Ind.

Raymond Morris Jones, Elec., '15, Greenwood, Ind.

In athletics, our old reliable Brother Murray won his numeral in basket-ball. This makes Brother Murray his fourth numeral, winning one in basket-ball, football, baseball and track. Brother Hosselman will make a strong contender for captain and catcher of the freshman baseball team. Brother DeVoe is also out for a position on the freshman team. On the other class teams the Fraternity will have at least a representative.

In the Harlequin Club the chapter will have a good representation. Brother Miller has the managership of the club. Brother Schmidt is certainly making a hit as leading character. Brother Schmidt has just been elected advertising manager. Brothers Miller and Schmidt have charge of the program and are putting out a neat souvenir. Brothers Cooper and Picker are beating the chorus girls out of a living, both taking prominent parts in the chorus.

The new library building is nearing completion and will be open to the students in a short time. Smith Hall, the new dairy building,

will also be completed shortly. These new buildings will add greatly to the campus and to the facilities of the University.

Since our last letter we have enjoyed a visit from Brother W. L. Phillips, and from him we learned of Iowa Alpha. Brothers Hanley, Becker, and Glazebrook have visited the chapter.

As this is the last letter of the school year and some of our men are completing the last year of their school courses, there comes the sad thought that we are to lose these men. We lose this year three men: Brothers Cavanagh, Benner and Miller.

In closing we wish every man a most pleasant vacation.

Fraternally

F. W. Clarke,

INDIANA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Meets Every Friday, 7.00 p.m., in Chapter House, 303 Waverly Ave.

New York sends heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters.

We hope all the brothers have had as enjoyable an Easter vacation as we. Although it was for a week only, nearly everyone spent a few days at home, but now all are back getting ready for the finals, which come in the last of May. The scholarship reports at the end of the first five weeks of this semester showed that much of the back work has been completed, and that the scholarship of the chapter as a whole is better than at the end of last semester. Sigma Phi Epsilon has been signally honored. At the annual Prohibition Oration Contest Brother "C. O." Moore, who successfully captained the Varsity debate team in winning from New York University last December, captured first prize from a large field. Better yet. In what is considered one of the best and closest extemporaneous speaking contests ever held at the University, April 12, in the annual De Lima Contest, Brother Moore again won the first laurels for Sigma Phi Epsilon, from the best speakers in the college. Our debate interests were also

upheld when Brother Glenn Witter, '16, so ably helped defeat the sophomores in the annual Freshman-Sophomore debate.

At the March general University elections, Brother "Joe" Langan was chosen "Pipe Orator" of the Senior Class. All who are acquainted with Joe know that his witty "spiel" will make more than one solemn mother shake with laughter. At the same elections, the student body voted down an "Honor System" proposed by the daily University paper, *The Orange*, primarily because of an objectionable "squealing" clause therein. We believe, however, it is

only a question of time before an "Honor System" is established in some of the colleges here. A week later, Brother Clayton Baldwin was elected Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. All are anxiously waiting the publication of the *Onondagan*, the Junior year book, of which "Clayt." is editor-in-chief.

The basket-ball and hockey seasons being over, base-ball will soon be in full swing. We had a fair season in the Inter-Fraternity Basket Ball League this year, but with all the players back next year we hope to secure a higher final berth. As Assistant Manager of the Varsity basket-ball, Brother Otto Axtman took the freshman bas-

ket-ball team through a very successful season. He has been awarded a "B-S-B" and advanced to Manager of next year's Varsity. At the close of the hockey season Brother "Johnny" Long, '13, was awarded a "H-S-T." The University will miss "Johnny" very much next



E. CLAYTON BALDWIN, '14.

winter. The crews are rowing daily in the two new shells, which replace those destroyed by the tornado last fall on Onondaga Lake.



CLARENCE O. MOORE, '14.

Brother Francis has withstood all cuts and is working hard for a seat at Poughkeepsie in June. Brothers Rile, G. D. Hoople and W. C. Hoople responded to the call for out-door track. Brother Rulison is playing steady for a place on the 'Varsity base-ball team. From all indications the chapter will enter a strong base-ball team in the Inter-Fraternity League this spring.

At the first meeting in April the chapter installed the following new officers:

E. Clayton Baldwin, '14.

Glenn R. Arnold, '14.

Gordon D. Hoople, '15.

Matthew E. Conklin, '15.

Clarence O. Moore, '14.

Walter J. Campbell, '14.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity:

Initiated April 18th:

Wilmer Elmer Ayling, B. S., '16, Syracuse, N. Y.

Another honor has been bestowed upon Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Chas. F. Axtman, '09, President of the Geology Club, has made Sigma Phi Epsilon the honorary Pedagogy Fraternity.

Since our last letter we have been glad to have with us Brothers Baldwin of Cornell, Chamberlain, Hutchings, Robinson, McIntosh and Breckheimer. In closing, we wish every brother success in the coming finals, and extend to all a warm invitation to visit us at any time.

Fraternally,

Matthew E. Conklin,

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.**WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.**

Meets Every Sunday, 8:00 p.m., in Fraternity Rooms.

Spring is again here with its cheerfulness and also the "spring-fever," the enemy of the lecture-room. Baseball is the main topic of conversation and occupies the minds of most of the students. W. and L. has broken even so far, having won three games and lost three, but with bright prospects for a better showing as the season advances. The team is remarkable, considering the fact that six of the first string men are new to the team, and of the six, four are freshmen. Inter-Fraternity baseball will begin in a few weeks and Sigma Phi Epsilon expects to make a good attempt toward capturing the honors,—a better attempt than has heretofore been made.

It has been a source of great pleasure to Virginia Epsilon to know that all the members of the chapter were successful on the second term "exams," which were completed on the first of this month, and it grows more and more an honor as the rules governing scholarship of fraternity men become more severe. With the watchful oversight of the "automatic rule" and the agreements of the Inter-Fraternity Council, it gradually grows harder for a man to pull through, but it has proven a complete success at W. and L.

Lexington has been the host to a great number of visitors for the past week on account of the V. M. I. and W. and L. Easter Hops, which were, to say the least, very successful. On April 26th it will entertain a larger number when the Annual Inter-Scholastic Track Meet of Washington and Lee is held. From present indications it will be a great success, as thirty-seven of the representative preparatory schools of the South and East have signified their intention to attend the meet, and more are expected.

Since the last letter Washington and Lee has been the recipient of an estate valued at two million dollars, the bequest of the late Mr. Robert H. P. Doremus, an active broker of New York City. Although he had no connection with our institution, the measure which prompted Mr. Doremus to make the gift was his admiration of General Robert E. Lee, the President of Washington College from 1865 to

the time of his death in 1870, soon after which date the name was changed to its present corporate title. On May 7th Washington and Lee will formally inaugurate its twelfth duly chosen President, Dr. Henry Louis Smith.

Brother Loughran has been honored by election to the Theta Lambda Phi Legal Fraternity.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following new members:

Initiated March 8, 1913:—

Donald George Kelly, Arts, '14, Clarkton, N. C.

Luther Gilbert Hudson, Arts, '16, Durbin, W. Va.

Andrew Wendell Mann, Arts, '16, Lexington, Va.

William Edwin Bryan, Arts, '16, Houston, Texas.

Initiated May 10th:

Joseph Caminero, Eng., '16, Havana, Cuba.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in securing these men as they are exceptionally good students and are prominent in their respective classes. We feel that they will prove themselves to be a valuable asset to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Wishing every success to our sister chapters, and hoping that if any of our brothers visit in this part of the State they will remember that Virginia Epsilon holds an open welcome for them, we are,

Fraternally,

Joe G. Prutzman,

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

Meets each Saturday at 11 p. m., in Chapter Rooms

For the last time in the college session of 1912-'13 we greet Sigma Phi Epsilon at large. It is needless to say that it is with the deepest regret, for though we will be glad when June comes in all her glory so we can get away from study, yet we hate to part. During the short summer months there is a continual flow of postals and letters from brother to brother, filled with that deep feeling of spirit which char-

acterizes every brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon. It's the serious step in a man's life when he receives his sheep skin. And years after, when he dreams of the past and thinks of what did him most good while at college, three words fall upon his lips, tears fill his eyes as he mutters, "Sigma Phi Epsilon."

As this will be our last letter, we will give you a short *precis* just to show what Virginia Zeta is doing.

W. S. Long, our only Senior, is a member of the Sigma Upsilon literary fraternity, member of the Intercollegiate Debating Council, member of Monthly and Annual Staff, successful debater against Emory and Henry College, member of the Tau Kappa Alpha (honorary for oratory and debate) fraternity. Brother Long has won a name for himself and for Virginia Zeta at Randolph-Macon which will last for many years.

E. L. Copley won his letters on the foot-ball squad, President of the Y. M. C. A., President of the Franklin Literary Society, successful debater against William and Mary College, member of the Athletic Board, member of the Debating Council, member of the Tau Kappa Alpha fraternity; was the representative for Randolph-Macon in the State Oratorical Contest. Brother Copley will be a Senior next year and will do wonders for us then.

F. E. Pope is manager of the foot-ball team next year and business manager of the Annual also. He is also president of the Junior Class. Brother Pope is one of the most popular men in college and belongs to several organizations.

W. P. Hunnicutt, our "goat," is art editor for the Annual for this year and next, leader of the College Glee Club, and winner of the "Frank" Hall Public Debate. It is needless to say that Brother Hunnicutt will be one of the strongest men in college next year.

R. N. Walker was manager of the basket-ball team for this year and has been elected captain for next year. It has been said by many that Brother Walker adds 90 per cent. to the team, for he is the "crack" player of the "five."

Brother C. P. Amory is President of "Wash" Hall for next year and President of the Bedford City Club.

So as it now stands we have all we can safely carry without being called monopolizers. We give you just a few of the honors we have achieved this year, eliminating many smaller ones which we have won, so that you can see we are the leading "frat." at this place.

We wish all our brothers success, and hope that the summer months will cheer them up to do greater work next year.

Fraternally,

F. Wilson Gearing,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Meets Every Saturday, 8:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 14 W. North Avenue.

Georgia Alpha is rapidly approaching the end of what is declared by all to be the most successful year in her history. We have explored every nook and corner of college life and have won some place in each school activity.

We opened the year with the nucleus of a splendid chapter already returned for work, and initiated during the session ten men. Our freshmen are the pick of the school. Out of their number has come two members of the class championship football team; two of the mainstays of the Varsity track team; next year's captain of the basket-ball team, and one of the three college men mentioned for All-Southern; the "leading man" in the Dramatic Club play; two members of the Glee Club; and the star of the college publications in short-story writing. With a bunch like that our future is a bright one. However, the old men have been quite as fortunate in the matter of taking honors as the youngsters, and, in summing up, we note a number of things to the credit of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The first matter of importance of course, when we have become settled at Tech for our first term's work, was foot-ball. We turned out the grittiest team that has ever represented this school. Georgia Alpha was represented by Brother "Sport" Harris on the Varsity and Brothers Whitner, Harris, H. H., Beard and Merriam on the scrubs.

The one big event of the year was the play given by the Dramatic Club in January, "Brown of Harvard." Brothers Milner and Hope are on the Board of Control, the former being President of the Club, and Brothers Robertson, Gayle, Milner and Dick Whitner were in the cast.

The next thing on the school program was the Glee Club. We claimed six men out of the thirty who sang in the annual concert, and the pianist as well.



GEORGIA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.

We have already mentioned track and basket-ball. Brother John Dunwody is performing around the third sack on the base-ball team.

The Literary Society includes a number of our men on its roll. Brother Robertson is Vice-President, and both he and Brother Gayle have secured places on the debating team, which is composed of six men, and competes for a medal on one night of the commencement program, devoted to this society.

On each college publication Georgia Alpha has two representatives. The chances are great in our favor for securing a controlling interest in the monthly, at least for next year. Sigma Phi Epsilon will be seen on the list of nominations for business manager and editor of the monthly and business manager of the Annual.

Brother McCrary is President of the Architectural Society, and both he and Brother Russell have received many honors in the Society of Beaux-Arts Architects, in competitions which included all of the larger Architectural schools of the country.

The Cotillion Club is preparing for a large dance, to be given the middle of April. Six names of Sigma Phi Epsilons are to be

found on the roll of this club. Socially, Georgia Alpha ranks with the first chapters of Tech.

The Honor System is a feature of Georgia Tech. This system is supported by four members of the Senior Class, three from the Junior, and two from the Sophomore. Brother Hope is a Senior representative and Brother Milner a Junior representative.

In each of the honorary societies we have a man. Brother Hope is President of the Anak, the Senior Class society, and Brother Milner is a "Koseme" of the Junior Class.

The spirit displayed by the whole chapter is highly commendable as an indication of the real fellowship of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Let us all look for the highest things in the future, for the betterment and everlasting glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Willis J. Milner, Jr.,

GEORGIA ALPHA.

Acting Chapter Historian.

DELAWARE ALPHA.

DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

Meets Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 558 Wilkins Terrace.
Newark, Delaware.

This, our last letter to THE JOURNAL, finds Delaware Alpha nearing the close of another year. During the year we have been busy along all lines of college activities.

"B-i-g" things are looked for at our annual reunion on April 26th, when our alumni and active men assemble to talk over the plans for the building of a permanent home. After a meeting of a committee of the active members it was decided to sign a two-years' lease on the house in which we are now residing, to insure ourselves of a home for the present; and in the meantime to get the alumni interested, and also to get the chapter shares of building and loan stock paid in sufficiently to warrant the active men carrying out their share of the burden. A committee composed of two active men, two alumni, and one faculty member has been chosen to report at our meeting on the 26th as to what they think would be the best proposition

to undertake, and to what share the active members should carry and what the alumni.

The athletic side of our college life at the present is taken up with track and baseball. In track, Brothers Cranston and McCafferty are representing us. Brother Cranston will try for a record in the one mile event, and there is no doubt he will make good. Brother McCafferty is entered in the quarter mile event as well as in the 440 yard hurdles. "Mac" has the knack of sticking at a thing until he has at least satisfied himself, so there is no doubt but that he will make the squad.

In baseball $\Sigma \Phi E$ will be represented by Brothers Hill, Groves, Gibney, Valliant and Jolls. It is too early in the season to determine just how much to expect from these men, but we are assured that at least two will "cinch" positions on the Varsity, and the others will play with the reserve team.

Brother Joseph H. Hossinger has recently been elected Mayor of Newark. This is "Cap's" third term as Mayor.

Brother William Francis has just returned from an extended trip to Cuba. He came back with glowing accounts of his trip, and spoke of several $\Sigma \Phi E$ men whom he met during his travels.

By graduation we lose Brothers Brown, Smith, Mullin, Carswell and Jolls.

Brother Brown expects to leave July 1st for Beloeil, Canada, where he will be connected with the Canadian Explosive Company.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity at large:

Initiated March 18th:

Frank Haley Buck, M. E., '15, Wilmington, Del.

Walter Leslie Haley, M. E., '15, Wilmington, Del.

Fraternally.

E. P. Jolls,

Chapter Historian.

DELAWARE ALPHA.

VIRGINIA ETA
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Meets Every Sunday, 12:45 p.m., in Fraternity Rooms.

It is with mingled feelings of pride and sorrow that we take up our pen to record this, the last chapter of our history for 1913. We feel

proud of our work here at Virginia this year, and would close our history, like that of the modern novel, with the very happiest of conclusions. And yet, while even in such an optimistic mood as this, we cannot shake off the feeling of sorrow which takes hold of us when we realize that this is "good-bye" until another year. May "the fates" treat each and all of us kindly during the summer months so that we may return with the coming of autumn and join hands again through the Brotherhood of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

Since the writing of the last letter many things have happened here at the University, but by far the most interesting of them all was the coming of the "Easter Queen." She was with us in all of her glory, and Easter week passed by only too fast for her innumerable admirers. It was a gala week, indeed—driving in the morning, baseball in the afternoon, and dancing in the evening. Brother Harris was the chief performer for our bunch, and to have seen him "ragging it" over the floor late at night one would never have thought that this studious young man had to attend "Real Property" in the morning. Brother Harris also took part in the $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ comedy and was even brave enough to attempt a song.

Now that the festivities of Easter week have come and gone, "baseball" is the slogan. Even while I am writing this the University is fighting Cornell upon the diamond. May she prove as successful as she was against Holy Cross and Princeton! We have yet to meet our great rivals, North Carolina and Georgetown, but if comparative scores mean anything it looks like a victory for Virginia.

Brother Fitchett is handling both glove and bat in excellent style, while Brother Gillette should be of the nine before the season closes. Brother Fitchett has been made a member of the I. M. P., one of the most exclusive University ribbon societies.

Again wishing all $\Sigma \Phi E$'s the happiest of summers, we remain,

Fraternally,

George L. Bosman,

VIRGINIA ETA.

Chapter Historian.

ARKANSAS ALPHA.
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

Meets Every Monday in Chapter House, 346 Arkansas Ave.

The balmy spring weather which we are now having here in the South is in no way affecting the scholarship record of $\Sigma \Phi E$. The committee on statistics appointed by the President, at the direction of the University Senate, has undertaken the task of classifying the student body on the basis of grades and attendance. Their report on the grades attained by the students during the last term is now complete. $\Sigma \Phi E$ has the honor to lead all the male students of the University, being beaten only by the sororities.

It may be of interest to give a small part of the data collected by this committee: The standing is expressed in per cent with the highest possible average of 95.

$\Sigma \Phi E$, 80.9.

Total women, 80.8.

Non-frat women, 80.

Kappa Alpha, 79.8.

Total students, 79.7.

Non-frat men, 78.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 77.5.

Total men, 77.4

Kappa Sigma, 77.3.

Frat men, 77.1.

Sigma Chi, 75.

Pi Kappa Alpha, 74.6.

Sigma Nu, 73.8.

Our chapter is certainly proud of its standing and we are going to try to toe the same mark in the June examinations. The fraternity has also been honored by Brother "Gus" Henry's election to the "Skull," which is a society based on scholarship. Next week we will give our annual dance. Brothers Buckley, Achenbach, and Watts are on the dance committee and they are working very hard to make this the most successful social event of the year. We expect to have several of our alumni with us for the dance.

Baseball practice has been going on for over a month. Every afternoon you may see Coach Beydeck out on the diamond drilling his men into form. The baseball prospect is very bright this year. Brother Achenbach has a place in the right field, "Stump" Stout is making good in his old position in center field, while Buckley is tearing up the turf around second base. One of our pledges is a promising pitcher, holding the Pittsburgh Pirates to one hit in six innings last Monday.

We are also putting out a team in the "Peanut" league. This league is made up of the different frats represented here. We expect to be a strong contender for the pennant this year. It was in the "Peanut" league that Buckley and Achenbach received the training which is enabling them to make good on the University team.

The seven men's fraternities here have formed a Pan-Hellenic Council and are hard at work on new pledging and rushing rules for next year. It is hoped that these rules will be more acceptable both to the faculty and to the student body than are the rules which are now in effect.

Arkansas Alpha is at work upon a plan by which we may keep in touch with our alumni. We send out a circular letter to each man once every two months, giving in this letter items of fraternity and University interest. The men are urged to reply giving their correct address and items of general interest. We believe that this plan will prove to be very successful.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following new men:

Initiated March 10th:

Walter Herman Drover, C. E., '14, McAlester, Okla.

Initiated April 7th:

Eli Thomas Cook, C. E., '14, Glennwood, Ark.

These men are good students, athletes, and good fellows.

Since this is the last letter of the year let us wish to all members in $\Sigma\Phi E$ a happy and prosperous summer vacation. And we hope

that all men who do not finish their college courses this year will return next fall brim-full of enthusiasm and ready to work to keep $\Sigma \Phi E$ at the top.

Faternally,

C. H. Achenbach,

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Monday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House, 821 Delaware Avenue,
South Bethlehem, Pa.

Despite the fact that the winter season has closed and spring fever has now pervaded our camp, we are about and hustling along two clearly defined lines. The first of these is athletics, while last but not least of all are the social duties which come under the second head.

Amongst the former are lacrosse, base-ball, and wrestling. In wrestling we were matched in the intercollegiates against such teams as Cornell, Columbia, and Pennsylvania. Our start in the early part of the season was very brilliant, due to the efforts, in part, of Brother Mart, '13. During mid-season he sustained a dislocated knee which prevented his appearance on the mat at Cornell. As it were, we were successful in getting third place there.

Closely following this is Lacrosse. Our first game with Cornell resulted in a defeat of 3-0. A few days after that we played the Navy at Annapolis and showed up in slightly improved form as the men got better acquainted with their positions. It, however, required two extra periods of ten minutes each to decide the game, which resulted in our favor 4-3.

Of course, do not take for granted that this seemingly athletic track is lined with roses: like all teams we have our reverses. Base-ball did not get under way in such a brilliant manner for we were forced at the outset to meet teams which were in the pink of condition, due to their Southern training trips. It will require a few games before the men get the proper "pep" into them, and play in their old time style.

The prospects in track are very bright. The Inter-class meet will be held on Friday, April 11th, on Lehigh Field. No doubt the competition will be keen as there are quite a few men out for the different positions. We were not so successful this year in placing men on the various teams. Only three men received the coveted "L." They were Brothers Fahl, '13, and Mart, '13, in wrestling, and Brother White, '13, in basket-ball.

In scholastic work we have eight seniors who are slated to graduate. Naturally, our hopes and ambitions rest with them as they have been a great credit to Sigma Phi Epsilon. This will leave quite a vacancy in the house, and we would like to ask, as a special favor, of Sigma Phi Epsilon men that if they know of any men who intend to come to Lehigh to kindly give us a line on them.

Although Washington's birthday has passed by several months, still the pleasure of that very social evening is fresh in our memory. Never has there been a function held here that resulted in such perfect harmony and everything ran off without a hitch. The tables were decorated in honor of the occasion, little hatchets being given as favors. Dinner was followed by a progressive Five Hundred party which was closely contested. The ladies stole a march on us for they took away all the prizes. Our Social Committee chairman was on the job for we wound up the evening with a very pleasant dance.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity: Initiated February 18th:

Walter Duenger Ammerman, E. E., '16, Shamokin, Pa.

Curlis Roberts, C. E., '16, Haddonfield, N. J.

During the past few months we have had the pleasure of having distant brothers at our chapter. This has afforded us great interest and it would please us more if these visits were made more numerous.

The election of officers, which was held just recently, resulted in the following men being elected:

H. D. Baldwin, '14.

W. J. Orr, '14.

A. C. Cooper, '14.

S. W. Wuchter, '15.

C. L. Butler, '15.

W. D. Ammerman, '16.

D. L. Baird, '15.

Fraternally,

J. S. Clark,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

Chapter Historian.

OHIO GAMMA.**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.**

Meets Every Other Monday, 7:00 p.m., at the Chapter House, 169 W. 11th Ave.

The recent flood in the Ohio Valley, and which did great damage in Columbus, has practically broken up school here for the past two weeks and the University is just beginning to resume work in the usual way. However, all the brothers are now back and ready to take up again the studies which were so abruptly dropped.

Since our last letter, Ohio Gama has taken into membership of Sigma Phi Epsilon four new brothers, who were initiated on February 28th, and we now take great pride in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Anson Lee Brown, Arts, '15, Circleville, Ohio.

Earl Huffer, Arts, '16, Columbus, Ohio.

Walter Lynch Darnell, Arts, '16, Grove City, Ohio.

Walter Floyd Gahm, Agr., '16, Columbus, Ohio.

Initiated April 19th:

Roll Harrison Markwith, Arts, '16, Greenville, Ohio.

These are men whom we are justly proud to claim, they having already shown the true Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit, and are valuable additions to our chapter.

Very recently Ohio Gamma had occasion to feel very proud, when it was announced that Brother Lake, one of our seniors this year, had been honored by being elected to membership in the honorary Scientific Society of Sigma Xi. During the past four years Brother Lake has been an earnest and consistent student, and justly merits the honor which has been conferred upon him.

The baseball season has begun and practice has been going on for some weeks. The squad this year is an unusually strong one, some very good material being developed at the present time. Ohio Gamma is represented in this department by Brothers Shriver and Brown. Brother Shriver is a very promising candidate for the outfield and has been showing splendid form. Brother Brown has been taking his turn at holding down first base.

Spring football practice has also begun and there are three Sigma

Phi Epsilons reporting for practice: Brothers Geissman, Raymond, and Holliday, all old regulars with a reputation. Brother Geissman is captain of the team for the coming year and will have the support of his two brothers on the line in battling for the championship of the Western Conference, next fall.

In track athletics, Ohio Gamma has two candidates: Brothers Geissman and Miles. Brother Geissman takes care of the hammer throw and shot put, his special hobby being the shot put, in which event he holds the Ohio Intercollegiate record. Brother Miles is getting in shape for the one-mile event.

In the social line, Ohio Gamma has been unusually active the past season, having given several functions at the chapter house, and quite recently gave an Informal Dance at the Seventh Avenue Armory, having as our guests a number of our alumni brothers.

Brother Horcher, who was forced to leave school last fall, is visiting at the chapter house at the present time. We are all glad to have him with us again, and more than glad to hear that he will return to finish up his work at the University.

We are glad to be able to announce to the Fraternity at large that the Bill which was introduced into the Legislature for the purpose of abolishing fraternities in all State institutions in Ohio, was overwhelmingly defeated, the House having voted almost unanimously for its indefinite postponement.

During the recent disaster several of the brothers did very commendable service in the work of rescuing the unfortunate victims of the flood, Brothers Raymond and Codner being instrumental in saving a number of lives.

It is with a feeling of regret that we write this, our last letter to THE JOURNAL, which foretells the close of the present college year, when Ohio Gamma will lose several brothers by graduation, whose faces will be sadly missed in the life of the chapter house next year.

With best wishes for the continued success of all our sister chapters, we are,

Faternally,

C. Stanley Miller,

OHIO GAMMA

Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.**NORWICH UNIVERSITY.**

Meets Every Other Sunday, 2:00 p. m., in Chapter House on Crescent Street.

This being our last letter of the college year, we take great pleasure in extending our best wishes for success to all our sister chapters.

March 18 was the fifth anniversary of the installation of Vermont Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. That night as each of the brothers went to the house to supper he found the back door locked, but the front door was wide open and Mrs. Estabrooks, our matron, there to receive him. Mrs. Estabrooks gave us one of the swellest "feeds" we have had for a long, long time. The house was decorated with the fraternity colors and also with the colors of $\Phi K \Sigma$ and $\Delta K E$ in honor of two men who board at the house. After supper we played cards and enjoyed the evening generally.

Brother Muchemore, '14, has had to leave college for the remainder of the year on account of sickness. We hope to have him back with us again next year.

Norwich is still doing her share in athletics. The base-ball team is out every day getting into shape for our first game, which is with West Point. Brother Munsell, '14, as usual, is behind the bat, and is the despair of all opponents who try to steal second. The foot-ball team has been out some time for spring practice.

Brothers Cook and McKenny were at the last meeting of the New England Alumni Chapter and report a very enjoyable time.

As all the men at Norwich belong to the organized militia of Vermont, we have to go into camp for two weeks this spring. The time is spent in drilling and working out war problems as well as on the target range. The corps is mounted on horses sent from the 10th cavalry at Fort Ethen Allen.

In looking over the past year it is with pleasure we note the advance $\Sigma \Phi E$ has made. During the next year and in years to come may she not only be the best fraternity, as she is at present, but each year be a little better than she was the year before.

In closing we wish every brother a very pleasant summer, and may each return to college to work as he never worked before for the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Ralph E. Brierly,

Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Meets Every Friday, 7:30 p.m., in Chapter House.

It is with much reluctance that this, the last letter of the college year, is submitted. Think how many brothers soon will be parted from those with whom they have associated for the last few years. No doubt many of them will go out to fight life's battle and never again enjoy the close association and the good old times of a "college life." Though we are made glad when we remember that each one goes out into life's calling determined to love and uphold S. P. E. always, and to work for its high standard in the outside world as he has during his college life.

This year has been one of the most successful years in the growth of our fraternity. Chapters have been installed in the strongest institutions in the different sections of the country—North, East, South and West. This means more to us than any other aspect of the additions.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following men: whom we have initiated into the mysteries of S. P. E.:

Initiated April 11, 1913:

John Marvin Davis, Agr., '14, Birmingham, Ala.

Charles Wilbur Breedlove, Phar., '14, Tuskegee, Ala.

George Sidney Waits, Gen., '14, Sanford, Ala.

Thomas Blake Howle, Vet., '15, Oxford, Ala.

We realize that the supremacy of S. P. E. in college life is dependent upon the choice of men who will make true brothers and co-workers, and who will reflect honor upon the fraternity in their college career.

These men stand high, both as scholars and socially, and Alabama Alpha justly feels proud of them.

Brother Davis is the mainstay on the pitching staff of the baseball team. He also stands high in the corps of cadets, being drum major in the band.

Brother Waits stands high in his classes, and at a recent appointment of military officers he was promoted as sergeant in one of the companies.

Brothers Breedlove and Howle both came to us with high recommendations and are making good standings in their classes. We hope to see each of them develop the bright future that they have before them.

At our last meeting the election of officers for next year resulted as follows:

James Coleman Lee,
John Marvin Davis,
Manly Foster Meador
Samuel Fuller Teague

George Sidney Waits,
Lewis Frazier Ebersole,
Roy William Mathisson,
Thomas Blake Howle.

Of the social events S. P. E. is carrying her share. Alabama Alpha gave her annual dance on February 22d. It was made more pleasant by a house party. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the home-coming that has been planned for commencement, and we expect to have a big house party during that time. We hope to have many of our brothers with us during the home-coming. We were pleased to have Brother Poole with us during our annual dance and house party.

Brother Bradley, of Georgia Alpha, was with us for a short stay not many weeks ago. Brother Bradley represented Georgia Alpha on the varsity basket-ball team.

While attending the inauguration Brother Hart paid the District of Columbia Alpha a pleasant visit. He reports a fine bunch of fellows and wishes to express his appreciation for the kindness shown him while with them.

Since our last letter Brothers Evans, Nelson, and Taylor have been called home for various reasons. We regret very much the loss of these brothers, and hope to have them back with us next year.

Brother Nickerson, who receives his M. S. degree this year, will return next year to fill again his position as instructor in English. We are very glad to have Brother Nickerson with us again.

Brother Hart represented $\Sigma\Phi E$ on 'varsity soccer and foot-ball teams this season, filling his positions admirably well. He has decided to take a post-graduate course next year, and we may justly expect great things of him on our foot-ball team next season.

Alabama Alpha chapter house is wide open, and we are always glad to welcome our brothers in S. P. E.

In closing, Alabama Alpha Chapter wishes all her sister chapters success, and to those of the brothers who will this year leave the ranks of active membership she extends her best wishes for success in their chosen work, whatever it may be.

Fraternally,

M. F. Meador,

ALABAMA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Meets Every Sunday, 2:00 p.m., in Chapter Rooms.

For the last time North Carolina Gamma wishes to extend her quarterly greetings and best wishes to our sister chapters with a history of the happenings here since our last letter.

On February 15th we held our initiation, followed by a most enjoyable banquet in a hotel down town. We had several visiting brothers and alumni from this chapter to aid us in pulling the freshman through the terrible ordeal. The men initiated and whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large are:

Pierce Johnson, A. B., 1916, Weldon, N. C.

John Burton Sledge, A. B., 1912, Weldon, N. C.

Walter Douglas Edgerton, A. B., 1916, Macon, N. C.

Ary Eugene Armona, A. B., 1916, Key West, Fla.

Wilbur Linton Pridgen, A. B., 1916, Durham, N. C.

Herbert Fitzgerald, A. B., 1916, Selma, N. C.

They represent a body of young men that stand as leaders in the various phases of college life. They seem to have the spirit that

marks all wearers of the heart and are doing all in their power toward the advancement of $\Sigma \Phi E$.

We are very proud of the honors that our freshman have made and take great pleasure in making them known to the fraternity at large. Brother Fitzgerald had no trouble whatever in making his position on the pitching staff for the "varsity" team. He is considered by all to be the best of the squad except another, who is also a wearer of the heart, "Dina" Kanipe. The latter, who is known here as the big sophomore, has a perfect record, as he has won all games that he has pitched. We consider it a great honor to have both of these men in our chapter, for they are not only two of the best college pitchers in the State, but are doing effective work in the literary field. In the outer garden "Doc" Edgerton has no doubt made his position. He has been batting over 400 in all games he has played in and has been fielding very well. Brother Sledge represented us on the Glee Club. He has a mighty good tenor. They have just returned from their tour through the State and he reports a very successful trip.

Several of us who can not sing or play ball are working earnestly to make honors in literary work, and we feel sure that the fraternity will have honors in that phase of college activities.

There is a movement on foot in the Pan Hellenic Council to substitute for the banquets held by each fraternity at commencement some other form of entertainment. Nothing has been definitely decided upon as yet, but something will be decided upon at the next meeting.

We had two brothers to attend the inauguration and they reported that they had a fine time. Through this letter they asked me to thank the District of Columbia Alpha for the hospitality shown them while in Washington.

We had the pleasure of having an alumnus from Georgia Tech Alpha with us for several days. He told us the history of that chapter and the honors that its members have attained. From his conversation we gather that they have a fine chapter, and we are very glad to hear it. We have also had visits from alumni of this

chapter, and certainly enjoyed having them with us. North Carolina Gamma always extends an open invitation to all brothers to call on us.

In conclusion, we hope that each chapter has spent as profitable year as North Carolina Gamma, and that each brother will spend an enjoyable summer.

Faternally,

Frank A. Ellis,

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

Chapter Historian.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Meets every Wednesday, 7:15 p. m., at the Chapter Rooms, Bridgman Block.

At this, the occasion of the last chapter letter of the college year, New Hampshire Alpha wishes to congratulate all her sister chapters, especially the new ones, on their success and the advance they have made during the past year.

New Hampshire Alpha has advanced with rapid paces since last Sept., and Sigma Phi Epsilon in Dartmouth College now stands well up among the best fraternities, not only in numbers, but in quality. Nearly every man is engaged in some college activity, and every activity has a $\Sigma \Phi E$ representative in it. Brother H. T. Ball, '13, captained the 'varsity cross-country team last Fall, and is now training for the mile and two-mile for the Spring meets. Brother Ball holds the honor of having won the most points for Dartmouth of any man now in college. Besides his athletic ability, Brother Ball has found time to engage in other activities and is president of the Wheelock Club, in the cabinet of the Dartmouth Christian Association, a member of the college orchestra, and won a place on the Executive Committee in the recent senior class elections. Next year Brother Ball is to be a county secretary of the Y. M. C. A. with his headquarters here in Hanover.

On the track squad, besides Brother Ball, we have Brothers R. Durgin, C. Durgin, and Bacon, all of whom are showing up well. Brothers Saben and Hulburt made the gymnasium team and in a

recent exhibition performed several hair-raising stunts before an appreciative audience. Several of the $\Sigma\Phi E$'s are members of the



HOWARD T. BALL,

Captain Cross Country Team;

Mile and Two-Mile Man;
Member Executive Committee, Senior Class;

Scored more points for Dartmouth than any other man on Track Team.

Dartmouth Outing Club and in the carnival a few weeks ago won several cups. Brother Hulburt won first in the sky dashes, Brother Noyes won third in the dashes and second in the sky cross-country run, Brother Ball won third in the snow-shoe cross-country run. Brothers Owen, '13, and Hazen, '15, were on their class snow-shoe relay teams.

In the musical line we have Brothers Kingsford and Hulburt on the Glee Club and Brother Norton on the Mandolin Club. Brother Carleton leads the best band Dartmouth ever had, and in his band are Brothers Brown and Coon.

The scholarship average of our chapter for the first semester was 72, which is only two points lower than our average of two years ago, when we headed the list at Dartmouth.

These examples are only typical of what $\Sigma\Phi E$ is doing at Dartmouth. To tell of the activities of all of the men, from the exploits of our champion "peerader," F. F. Owen, to the deputation work of our men on the Christian Association, would require a volume, but these few examples given will show that we have lots of "pep" and are spending it, not only for ourselves, but for our college and our fraternity.

Since the opening of the second semester we have been glad to give the welcoming clasp to Brothers Qua, '11, and Avery, ex-'13, who spent a week with us in February and again in March, and to Brother Edgerly, A. B., '10, A. M., '12, and

now at Yale, who spent several days with us in March. We are glad to feel that these alumni have not forgotten their chapter. Would that all the alumni were as loyal and had the same spirit!

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New Hampshire Alpha takes pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

Initiated March 5, 1913:

Daniel Stark Dinsmoor, A. B., '16, Laconia, N. H.

Clayton Byron Waite, B. S., '16, Fort Ann, N. Y.

Initiated March 12, 1913:

Charles Franklin Durgin, A. B., '16, Concord, N. H.

Brother Durgin was captain of the freshman cross-country team, and is one of the best distance men in college. Brother Dinsmoor is out for track and base-ball, is in the college choir, and was second in his class at mid year's in scholarship.

Dartmouth's new chinning system came to an end March 29 with pledging day. Under this system no freshman was to be pledged until the 29th of March, except a few who were pledged last Fall under the old system. While the new system of Spring pledging, with its many rules, was far from satisfactory, we have as little reason as any to complain, for we secured six good pledges, whom we shall be glad to present at the next writing.

New Hampshire Alpha will lose nine men this year by graduation. Three of these, however, will return to Hanover next Fall; Brother Randall will be in the sophomore class of the medical School, Brother Fox in the Tuck School of Administration and Finance, and Brother Ball as county secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will be located here. Of the others, Brother Cushman will continue his studies at the Howard Dental College, Brother Gumbart goes to Columbia to study law, Brothers Page, Buffum, and Raitt will enter

business, and Brother Owen goes into the field of civil engineering.

In closing, New Hampshire Alpha wishes all her sister chapters the best of success until we meet again through our next chapter letters.

Fraternally,

Grover F. Fox,

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

Chapter Historian

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Saturday, 8:15 p.m., in Chapter House, 1502 Vermont Avenue.
N. W. Phone North 3007,

District of Columbia Alpha again takes this opportunity to extend most cordial greetings to all her sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon, and to express the hope that they have enjoyed the Spring holidays and are now returned to school refreshed and ready to meet and overcome the final examinations.

The last few weeks have been for us a strange ad-mixture of work and pleasure and events have followed one another with such rapidity that there is much to remember.

We take pleasure in first introducing to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon three new brothers:

Anthony Theodore Terwisse, Arts, '16, Washington, D. C.

Arthur Woolley, Law, '15, Kenab, Utah.

Parley Merle Cook, Veterinary, '14, Washington, D. C.

These brothers were initiated on March 8, having survived the riding of the rough-house goat on the Thursday night preceding. These men have already shown marked activity in student affairs, and we are expecting big things from them. Brother Terwisse is a runner of some ability, Brother Cook is the president of his class, and Brother Wooley is doing good work with the debating teams. Being a cousin of Brother Tanner, he will have the family reputation to live up to.

On February 22, the University held its annual indoor meet at Convention Hall. Five teams competed in the inter-frat. relay race, and for the third consecutive time our boys carried off first honors,

and, as a consequence, another plaque adorns our chapter walls. We seem to be getting the "habit." Much credit is due to the able coaching of Brother Brame, who ran on the team in connection with Brothers Paul, Lowe, and Wilson. Brother Hunter put up a splendid race in the 'Varsity relay, easily defeating his man, but was unfortunate in being on the losing team.

Brothers Barton and Tanner upheld the Forensic honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon when they debated on March 1 as members of the Needham society team in the second of the series of debates between Columbian and Needham Debating Societies of the Law School. We were proud to have Brother Barton awarded first honors, which makes him eligible for the final debate between the societies in May, when a medal will be awarded to the best man. We feel confidence in Brother Barton's marked ability as a debater winning this honor for the chapter also.

Our annual election of chapter officers took place on March 1. The officers elected were:

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| Walter E. Barton, | Frederick A. Norton, |
| Henry A. Kruger, | Marion S. Tanner, |
| Rosser Lee Hunter, | Forrest Stuart, |
| Harry S. Elkins, | Leroy C. Shantz. |
| Ross H. Johnson, | |

The work of this corps of officers should be of a particularly broad-minded character, as most of them have had previous experience in similar positions. The officers were duly installed at the regular meeting held on March 22.

In accordance with the usual custom of the chapter, our annual banquet was served on the evening of Saint Patrick's day, March 17, at the Ebbit House. About thirty brothers were seated around the festive board. We were very glad to greet many of the District of Columbia Alpha alumni, and particularly were we fortunate in having with us our Grand Secretary Brother "Billy" Phillips, who came from Richmond especially for the occasion. Brothers Kruger, Clark, and Tanner as the committee in charge, proved themselves epicureans in their selection of the menu and provided a happy selection of toasts

Brother Jeffrey, as retiring Sigma, acted as toastmaster, and gave us many "good ones."

The much-heralded inter-fraternity dance has at last become a reality. It was held on March 28 in the ball room of the Willard. It was well supported by all the fraternities and was generally pronounced as a brilliant affair. Brother Kruger was on the committee of arrangements and many of our boys were on hand and tripped the light fantastic. We hope the good work will continue and that the fraternities will by these functions get in closer touch with one another and thereby foster more university spirit.

We are to have the first law banquet on April 19, and from all reports it bids fair to be a splendid success. About 200 students will be there, and the vice-president of the United States, justices of the Supreme Court, the president of the University, deans and members of the faculty will make addresses. As usual, Sigma Phi Epsilon has a hand in the arrangements, Brother Barton taking an active part in his position of president of the Junior Law Class, and Brother Wilson assisting in the arrangements for singing, music, etc. This is the first affair of the kind ever given in the law school, and the results will be watched with keen interest. The purpose of the dinner is to bring about a closer union between the active student body and the alumni, and to arouse in these older men an interest and enthusiasm to work for the betterment of the University, especially from a financial standpoint.

Brother Arthur Redfield was a recent competitor in the Davis Prize Speaking Contest, held annually since 1826. These prizes are highly coveted and Brother Redfield was fortunate in carrying away third honors. Go to it, "Red." We see in you the making of another Daniel Webster.

Brother Harsch has plucked another honor from the plum tree. This time he is made president of the newly-organized University Dramatic Club. We are assured now that the club will really accomplish something.

The chapter wishes to announce and congratulate Brother Clarence Paret Wilson on his recent marriage to Miss Herring, of this city. Brother Wilson was one of the founders of the local Kappa

Sigma Pi Fraternity which joined Sigma Phi Epsilon as District of Columbia Alpha. He has been located in California with the Bureau of Chemistry for some time and has now returned to Los Angeles with Mrs. Wilson. It seemed like old times to see "C. P." again and to have him with us for a few days at the chapter house before he took the "leap."

The engagement was recently announced of Miss Lucy Lauck, of Washington, D. C., and Brother Carlos Houghton, of District of Columbia Alpha. Brother Houghton is greatly to be congratulated, and with all due modesty in the praise of our brother, we feel that Miss Lauck is to be most heartily congratulated also.

Brothers Harsch, Lowe, and Redfield were among the recently elected officers of the University Y. M. C. A. At the banquet given by this local branch the other night Brother Redfield made a rousing speech and displayed his usual oratorical ability.

The brothers will no doubt remember that several weeks ago letters were written to the chapters extending an invitation to all brothers coming to Washington for the inauguration to stop at the chapter house. It was to District of Columbia Alpha a source of the deepest gratification and sincerest pleasure that the brothers responded so happily to this invitation, and that she had the opportunity to entertain in all nineteen visiting brothers. The first five arrivals drifted in from Pennsylvania Delta on March 1, and from that time until the "big day" had past they drifted in in bunches. We did our best to make the brothers feel comfortable and at home; to introduce them to the many things of historic interest in and around Washington, and in general to show them a good time. If we succeeded in some small measure in doing this, we feel as a chapter more than compensated. Next inauguration we hope to see some of our Western brothers.

The names of the visiting brothers are as follows: Frank H. Mancill, Pennsylvania Delta; J. Mitchell, Pennsylvania Delta; B. E. Shirey, Pennsylvania Delta; W. R. Littleton, Pennsylvania Delta; T. I. Rankin, Pennsylvania Delta; A. D. Chiquoine, Jr., Pennsylvania Delta; Frank Liplett, Virginia Eta; Ed. Sturdivant, Virginia Eta; Hal. McCoy, Virginia Eta; D. S. Abernethy, North Carolina Beta; W. F. Brock, North Carolina Beta; Frank A. Hart, Alabama Alpha;

Canswell, Delaware Alpha; Chas. S. Robinson, West Virginia Beta; Frank Reeves, West Virginia Beta; B. W. Evans, North Carolina Gamma; A. E. Armona, North Carolina Gamma; A. E. Dorr, New Hampshire, Alpha.

In closing the chapter wishes for all our brothers a most pleasant and profitable summer.

Fraternally,

Ross H. Johnson,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

KANSAS ALPHA BAKER UNIVERSITY

Meets Every Thursday, 8:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 602 Ninth Street.

It hardly seems possible that three months have slipped by since sending in our March letter, and that now we are to record briefly the happenings during the closing season of the school year. In one way I think we are glad that the school season is so near to an end, but I am sure that none of us will leave without a feeling of regret that it is all over, especially the brothers who leave us to join the ranks of the alumni. Kansas Alpha will lose by graduation this spring four men. All of them have been exceedingly active in fraternity and school affairs, and their loss will be greatly felt by our chapter. We are sure, however, that every man of them will not cease to be of value to the fraternity merely because he cannot be with us, for it is from those who leave the schools to grapple with the real problems of good living that the world gains its opinion of the fraternity.

Our base-ball season has now opened. We played our first two games last week, losing one and winning the other. Brother Liston pitched both games, and is to be given credit for fine twirling. He is the only man we have on the team, but he makes a representative of whom we are very proud. The inter-fraternity base-ball league gives us all a chance to make a team. The league has opened now, and we have played one game. We lost out this game; but, of course, we have many good and valid reasons for our ill-fortune which I will

not take time to mention now, "otherwise, we would have won." There appears to be some little interest in our inter-fraternity games, even though the runs are generally more than the hits.

Our track team held its first meet recently. We lost the meet by a very close score, but we are confident of better success in the succeeding meets. Brother Horn is captain of the team. He and Brother McMillan are our only representatives in this branch of athletics this year. Brother Horn holds two State records on the half mile, and may hold three before the season is over.

We are all looking forward to our Spring party, which is to occur soon. We are expecting to put on a minstrel followed by a short farce. We are preparing to say good-bye to our lessons for a few days while we make our preparations; but, of course, a few days of neglect will not seriously impair the records of "students."

According to the rules here, the school authorities set the date before which no freshman may be pledged. The date this year is May 24. This will make us pretty busy about that time, to be sure. We have our eyes on some very fine men, and hope to announce some men of sterling quality in our letter next Fall.

We are pleased to announce for Dr. Slaght, an honorary member of our chapter, the arrival of a baby boy. The youngster bids fair to make a Sigma Phi Epsilon of note. We are equally pleased to announce for Dr. Randall, our other honorary member, the arrival of a baby girl.

These two little folk, I am sure, have the best wishes of the fraternity for successful careers.

In conclusion, Kansas Alpha sends her last greetings of the school year to all chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon. We wish you success in the finals and a hearty enjoyment of your summer vacation.

Faternally,

David E. Urner,

KANSAS ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.**

Meets Every Monday, 7:15 p.m., in Chapter House, 1711 Euclid Avenue.

'Phone Berkeley 3088.

Since our last letter to the JOURNAL we have gone through the ordeal of our mid-term examinations, and in a few more weeks we will be having our final examinations and then for a good old vacation.

On Saturday, April 6th, California will hold its third annual big "C" "sirkus", and it will be a great doings here. We are trying to show our prep. school guests that the University of California is the only place. It will mark the climax of the interscholastic meet, and as a farewell greeting to the University's prep. school guests, of which there are 300. The Interscholastic is the track meet of all California prep. schools. Every important high school is entered for the meet to be held on the 5th and 6th of April.

The Greek-letter men here at California have also, like West Virginia University, been trying to "frame up" a group of rushing rules or have a rushing week. As yet nothing has been done, but we are all in hopes of it turning out.

In regard to our new men, we have two

Initiated February 17th:

Theodore Tefft Weldon, Natural Science, '15, Portland, Oregon.

Ralph John Staehli, Civil Engineering, '16, Berkeley, Cal.

These two men will, I am sure, do honor to the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Brother Staehli has won honors in swimming. Brother Weldon has a very good standing in the University. We have also two new pledges which have not been initiated.

On Monday, March 31st, we had election of officers of which the following were chosen:

Guy Barker,

William F. Ball.

Theodore T. Weldon,

Henry C. Compton,

Ralph J. Staehli,

Ebbe A. Brelín.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is holding its own in social duties. We gave

two dances this last month and both were a great success. The first one was given for the men we were rushing.

We have just received a very pleasant visit from Brother Carter, of Nebraska Alpha. He was on his way to Oakley, Idaho, where he will do some engineering work. His visit was very short, as he was with us but two days. We all would have liked to have him stay longer. He visited the different chapters on his way out and gave us a good account of each. We also have Brother Davis, of New York Beta, with us. He is in business at San Francisco and comes over every night. He seems to like California, and I am sure all the rest of you would too.

California Alpha in closing sends her greetings to all her sister chapters, and is in hopes that you all have a pleasant vacation.

Fraternally,

Percy A. Dickel,

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

NEBRASKA ALPHA UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Meets Every Monday, 7:15 p.m., in Chapter House, 226 N. 26th St.

Nebraska Alpha is just recovering from the dreaded "mid-semester," and we are glad to state that from all reports so far received we have come out with flying colors. We have been making a special campaign for better scholarship. To this end a large loving cup has just been presented to the freshmen as the scholarship trophy. We believe that scholarship should come first, and that the place to get started is in the freshman year. It is open to competition among the freshmen, and the one having the highest scholarship standing at the end of the year is entitled to have his name engraved thereon.

Since our last letter we have had our mid-year initiation and introduce the following brothers:

Feb. 17, 1913:

Thurl Britt Strain, Law, '14, Creighton, Nebr.

Guy Leo Weigand, Med., '18, Lincoln, Nebr.

Leon LeVerne Ewing, Arts and Science, '15, Harbine, Nebr.

Clifford Bryan Scott, Law, '16, Rushville, Nebr.

Robert John Inness, Law, '14, Shelby, Nebr.

Roland John Miller, Eng., '15, Revenna, Nebr.

These new brothers are already showing that they are made of real Sigma Phi Epsilon material by their work in different lines. According to all the dope now available, Brother Strain will be one of the two most reliable slab artists for Nebraska this Spring. Brothers



The Badge over the mantle is studded with frosted lights, by which the room is lighted on meeting nights.

Ewing and Allen also have good chances to represent Sigma Phi Epsilon on the 'varsity. Brother Clark is on the 'varsity relay track team, and has run lately both at Kansas City and at St. Louis. Brother Taylor has recently been promoted to the office of major and quartermaster. Brother Jackson came out the victor in the second semester class election and was elected president of the sophomore class. Out of our four seniors we have three holding prominent class offices.

Brother Gregg is with us again after being out of school over a week and thinking it improbable that he could return. The tornado which wrecked Omaha and vicinity on Easter Sunday completely wrecked his home, but no one was injured. He missed being in the path of the storm only a few minutes.

Our annual banquet comes April 15th, and we are making of it a general reunion and annual "blow-out."

Last month we had a nice visit with Brother "Teddy" Blount, of North Carolina Beta; also Brother Balyeat, of Ohio Gamma.

In closing, Nebraska Alpha sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and also to extend a hearty welcome to all brothers who may come to Lincoln.

Fraternally,

E. R. Newman,

Chapter Historian.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.
WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Meets every Monday, 6:45 p.m., in Chapter House, 511 Colorado St.,
Pullman, Washington.

This will be the last letter of the school year, the last time this year that Washington Alpha will have an opportunity to greet brothers in sister chapters. The most of us look with regret upon the close of the college year. The seniors certainly regret the close of this semester, because it will be the last of college for them and all that college means, and they must go out into the work-a-day world to do their part, and they will sorely miss the good fellowship and true friends they have made in their four years of college life. We all feel, however, that they are well prepared, that we are proud of them, and that we know they will shed honor on their college and on their fraternity. The freshmen, it seems, are rather more anxious for the close of school; they as yet have not the spirit of college in their veins.

Because of intermittent freezing and thawing, Pullman was not flooded as prophesied. On March 13 the river rose until it touched Main street and then rapidly subsided. We had our last snow-fall on the 31st of March; now the weather is warm and bright and it appears that our long severe winter is over.

Since our last letter Washington Alpha has had a busy and successful period, having initiated fourteen men into the mysteries of the

"Sacred Heart," and we now introduce these new brothers to those who are already so proud of Sigma Phi Epsilon:

Initiated February 1st:

Ralph Lewis Wilkinson, Arch., '16, Spokane, Wash.
Carl Frederick Dietz, Hydro-Elec., '16, Bremerton, Wash.
Aubrey Clifford Miller, Min. Eng., '16, Grand Forks, B. C.
Wilfred Hugh Talley, Agri., '16, Oakesdale, Wash.
Lee Clare Lewis, Agri., '16, Tumwater, Wash.
Ungell Iverson, C. E., '16, Tacoma, Wash.
Roger William Morse, Agri., '16, Vancouver, Wash.
Russel Miller Turner, Agri., '16, Spokane, Wash.
Arvid Paul Croonquist, Hort., '16, Couer d' Alene, Idaho.

Initiated April 26th:

George Mohn Bohler, Gen., '16, Pullman, Wash.
Geo. Forrest, M. E., '15, Spokane, Wash.
Ralph Moore Erskine, Hort., '16, Pullman Wash.
Harold Jesse Cundy, Agr., '16, Spokane, Wash.
Vern Reuben Jones, Agr., '12, Pullman, Wash.

Lewis was editor of the freshman number of the *Evergreen*, and Lewis, Morse, Turner, and Wilkinson are members of the regular staff of the *Evergreen*. Undoubtedly before graduation Lewis will be at the head of the college journalism. Both Lewis and Morse received their experience as reporters on a Vancouver newspaper. Dietz has already won his "W" in track and in foot-ball and Iverson and Talley are both strong contenders for track honors.

Of the last five new brothers one is a graduate and an instructor in dairying, one is a sophomore and the other three are freshmen, one of which has drawn a large part of the cartoons for the *Chinook*, the college annual. Another sings on the Glee Club, and one made the foot-ball team and is a basket-ball star. The fourth made his "W" in foot-ball and is on the wrestling team. We believe that we have the best bunch of freshmen on the campus, and we certainly have good reason to be proud of them.

Washington State College won the North-West championship in basket-ball this season, winning twelve out of sixteen games. Washington Alpha had two pledges holding regular positions on the team.

We also won the championship in debating and tied for the wrestling championship.

Washington Alpha did not make a very good showing in the inter-fraternity indoor base-ball tournament, and it seems that we haven't many indoor players. The outdoor base-ball league has been organized, however, and we intend to have the pennant on our walls when college closes. We had two men on the inter-collegiate rifle team and although W. S. C. did not win the cup, she made a very creditable showing.

Base-ball and track have been very much delayed by snow and bad weather this season; however, W. S. C.'s prospects are exceedingly bright in both these branches. We have two pledges who are sure to make positions on the base-ball team, and one of them is certain of being one of the first on the pitching staff. Four of our men are out for track and some of them are sure to make their "Ws."

We have started a system of keeping the grades of the underclassmen. Cards are taken to the instructors each quarter semester and the grades and number of absences obtained. If the man is below passing in any subject, he is not allowed to leave the house on study nights until the grade is brought up to the passing mark. The idea seems to work out very successfully, and we are certain that it will eliminate failures. As yet it has not been necessary to inflict the penalty on anyone.

Washington Alpha gave its first anniversary ball on February 28th, and it marked a very successful year as a chapter of $\Sigma \Phi E$. The dance was held at Dutton's Hall, which was prettily decorated with evergreens interwoven with red and purple paper. Bunches of violets were given the ladies as favors and the punch bowl was banked with violets. The programs were of white sheep-skin with the coat-of-arms hand painted and raised. To us, of course, this was the biggest social event of the year.

Brother George M. Carter, of Nebraska Alpha, dropped in on us February 22d and spent a week with us. We enjoyed his visit very much and were sorry to see him leave. He brought us a number of good ideas, which we intend to make use of, especially in regard to initiation. Being off the main line of travel as we are, we do not

have many visiting brothers, and we certainly appreciate it when a brother from another chapter is with us for a few days. We would like very much to be able to meet more brothers from other chapters.

We held our election of officers on March 10th, and the following brothers were elected:

Birger O. Bendixon,

Herman Engelland,

Vernon E. McCain,

William H. Hoppe,

Fred W. Stone,

Carl F. Dietz.

Brother Geo. E. Scott was chosen house manager in place of Brother Goff. Brother Scott seemingly intends to have an orderly house at all costs. Brother Bendixon is not in school this semester, but will be back early next Fall to take charge of things. A temporary president was elected to serve the remainder of this year. Brother Engelland has been in the hospital for the past six weeks with a dangerous abscess in his ear and will probably have to leave school when he gets out. He intends to rest up and put on "beef," so that he can make the foot-ball team next Fall.

We have recently pledged a number of excellent freshmen, so our prospects for next year are bright. If everything goes as we expect, we will have a full house to start with next Fall, and a very strong bunch. We were rather inactive for a while in looking over new men, but in the last few weeks everyone has shown a great enthusiasm with the result that we have discovered some excellent men.

We just received the news that Brother Rex Gardner is to be married this afternoon (April 5th) at Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Brother Irving Howe will be best man. This comes as very much of a surprise to all of us. Brother Gardner was a member of the '13 class, and was with us last year, but did not come back this year. The reason is evident now.

We will lose only one man by graduation this year, Brother Howard Chase, who graduates from the Mechanical Engineering Department.

In closing we wish all brothers a successful and prosperous sum-

mer and a good start next year. We all hope to meet many brothers from various chapters this summer.

Faternally,

Fred W. Stone,

Chapter Historian.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Meets Every Monday 7:00 p.m., in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory.

This letter finds Massachusetts Alpha at the beginning of the home stretch after the rest afforded by the Spring recess. We are glad to report that all our sick brothers have returned to us, and that the chapter has its full quota for the first time in many weeks. The Spring rushing season is to close on May 1, and we expect to initiate several promising men. The season has been closed since November, but every one is on the alert for new material.

In the elections held for the 1913-1914 Signal Board, Brother Chester E. Wheeler, '14, was elected editor-in-chief for the ensuing year and Brother Ernest S. Clark, Jr., '14, was elected business manager.

The athletic board this year has adopted a new insignia to be awarded the members of the Varsity cross-country team. Brother Hutchings, '13, made his cMc, having the distinction of being one of the first three men to wear this emblem. This action by the board has placed this successful branch of athletics on a substantial basis. Brother Cooper as manager of the track team was awarded his letter in that sport. The annual interclass meet was won by 1916 by the narrow margin of one point over the class of 1913, which had not been outclassed before in its track history. Brother Smith again managed the 1914 team.

The rifle team, although losing out to Harvard by one match, shot the highest average score in the Eastern division of the Intercollegiate Rifle League, and made very high and consistent scores throughout the season. The outdoor season is due to start immediately, and

the "Aggie" team will show that it doesn't need to "come back" when it meets Harvard on equal terms in the outdoor match.

The base-ball season has not yet begun, but a fine schedule of games is in prospect, and if the records of other seasons are to be taken as a criterion, this should be the most successful one which the fans have ever seen.

The finals claimed but one man, and the showing of the brothers in scholarship is such as to uphold the purpose of the fraternity to excel in this, the main part of the college man's work. Eleven of our number will be graduated in June to face the problems of the world. The training which they have received in Sigma Phi Epsilon will be always a guiding light to them as they walk through life. We wish them "God-speed" in their chosen lines of work. Brother Hatch has been elected to the Commencement Committee, which proposes to make that event this year the most elaborate yet undertaken.

The musical clubs made a trip through New York and New Jersey during vacation week, giving nine performances. We were represented on the Glee Club by Brother Ells, '13, and on the Mandolin Club by Brother Allen, '14. They report a very successful and interesting trip.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Brother Ells, who lost his father through death a few weeks ago.

Several of the brothers attended the luncheon of the New England Alumni in Boston on the 29th of March, and they were all very much impressed with the manner in which the alumni are interesting themselves in the work of the fraternity. It was a gathering of men of which one should feel proud to be connected. The spirit displayed at this meeting shows the desire of the alumni to place our fraternity on the highest level obtainable through human effort.

Wishing our brothers all good luck in the finals soon to come, and a successful and prosperous summer, we remain,

Faternally,

Chester E. Wheeler,

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

OHIO DELTA
UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Meets Every Monday, 7:00 p.m., in Chapter House, 819 Beall Avenue.

Ohio Delta sends greetings to all sister chapters. We rejoice that all of them are enjoying a pleasant and prosperous year.

Since our last letter to the JOURNAL things have taken a great turn in our own college. The question, "Shall fraternities go or remain in Wooster?" has been to a certain extent compromised, but the result is evident. On February 13th the trustees voted to prohibit any further initiations into fraternities. This rule went into force immediately, so that all fraternities in Wooster will be permitted to gradually die out. No fraternity in Wooster regretted that such a decision had been taken by the trustees more than did $\Sigma\Phi E$ for, as you will remember, it has not been a year since we were taken into $\Sigma\Phi E$. It is only a matter of time that the fraternities in Wooster can exist.

But in spite of this great disappointment our fraternity life has been exceedingly jovial and pleasant. We have added to our number

Initiated February 15th:

David Andrew Wier, '15, Ph. S., Columbus, Ohio, one of the very best fellows in school. "Dave," as he is called, is certain to be one of the best basket-ball men in school. Since this is Brother Collins' last year in school, we are expecting Brother Weir and St. Clair to represent $\Sigma\Phi E$ on Wooster's basket-ball teams in the future. Brother Twinem has been making good records on the track. Brothers Richard and Lowrie are getting in shape for the base-ball season.

In forensic work in Wooster, Ohio Delta has been well represented. Of the four fraternity men on the Varsity debating teams three belong to our bunch—Brothers Mason, McCann, and Johnson, all of whom were on the team that won from Allegheny.

Other honors have been recently bestowed upon various members of our chapter. Brothers Twinem and McCann have been appointed members of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, while Brothers Lamb and Mason have been elected as members of the College Annual Board.

Our alumni members are very much interested in our growth and prosperity. We occasionally receive letters of congratulations from Brother Wallace, who is teaching in India, and from Brother Neff, who is teaching in Hilo, Hawaii. We have exceptionally pleasant times when Brothers Smith, Behoteguy, Gault, and Swan visit us.

After all, we have spent a very enjoyable and successful year, and we hope that all our sister chapters have done likewise.

Fraternally,

Wm. L. Johnson,

OHIO DELTA.

Chapter Historian

NEW YORK BETA.
CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Meets Every Sunday, 6.45 p.m., at the Lodge, 112 Edgemoor Lane.

New York Beta sends this last letter of the year on the eve of the Spring vacation. Only two or three members will remain. Brother Holstrom, who is rowing bow on the first freshman crew, will stay for crew practice, which will continue throughout vacation. Brothers Dippold and Campbell will be in the South with the Lacrosse team—Brother Dippold as assistant manager and Brother Campbell playing the position of third attack. Brother Baugher, who is captain of the swimming team, will also take a Southern trip with the swimming team during vacation.

On March 28th a fraternity dance was held at the Lodge and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present.

Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of meeting the following brothers from other chapters: Brother Balyeat, of Ohio Gamma, who is now with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., and was here looking over seniors who may go with the company; Brothers Smith and Coons, of New York Alpha, spent a day here during their Easter vacation; Brothers Fahl and Marks, of Pennsylvania Epsilon, who were here with the Lehigh wrestling team. Brother Fahl came as manager and Brother Marks as a spectator, recent injuries preventing him from going on the mat. The Lehigh team was put up at the Lodge during their stay here.

Brother Kerr, who is now practicing law in New York City, was back for a day last week.

We now have three pledges, and expect to have four or five more immediately after the Spring vacation. Initiation will probably be held within a few days after school reopens.

In about eight weeks school will close, and the New York Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon will have finished its first year of existence. The members have been more than grateful with their reception by the other chapters; the pleasing remembrances have showed a thoughtful fraternal spirit, which it is indeed good to feel. We have had the pleasure of meeting many brothers from other chapters during the year, and hope to have many more drop in and see us when they can. It is in this way that one gets in touch with other chapters much more than through letters.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters for a pleasant vacation, we are,

Faternally,

Neill Houston,

NEW YORK BETA.

Chapter Historian _____

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Meets Every Friday, 8 00 p. m., at the Chapter Rooms, 18 Hope College.

This letter finds Rhode Island Alpha once more enjoying a week's respite before beginning the last stretch of college duties, which lead to commencement and the long summer vacation. The campus is deserted except for the track and base-ball candidates and those students who live too far to go home advantageously.

Once more Rhode Island Alpha passed through the "exam." period without losing a man. The fraternity stood very high in its scholarship with an average of "B."

The swimming team completed a successful season with victories over Harvard, Amherst, and Williams.

The board track series of races is over and the team is working out daily on Lincoln Field. It is hoped that they may soon get on the cinders at Andrew's Field. In the last set of three races in the board-track series Brother Gould took second place in the 880-yard

run, thereby winning third prize for the series, and was also elected to $\Sigma \Xi$.

In the annual fraternity relay carnival $\Sigma \Phi \Xi$ lost her race to A T O, due to a series of mishaps, the most notable of which was Brother Steel's fall in the third relay.

The Juniors won the basket-ball championship, closely followed by the Seniors in second place.

Since our last letter we have been very glad to have as visitors the following brothers: Grand President, J. C. Griffin; Grand Secretary, Wm. L. Phillips; Grand Guard, H. G. Wheat; L. Kingman, New Hampshire Alpha; H. T. Smith, Vermont Alpha; D. B. O'Connor, New Hampshire Alpha; Wm. F. Johnson, Vermont Alpha; Chas. H. Moore, Vermont Alpha; Harold Brown, Pennsylvania Delta; A. W. Dodge, Massachusetts Alpha; H. T. Hatch, Massachusetts Alpha; A. E. Worcester, Vermont Alpha; Donald English, California Alpha.

We were especially glad to have with us Brother English, of the N. E. Alumni Association, who gave us an outline of the work which that body is to undertake. Surely there is a great need of the co-operation of our alumni.

Brother Sprague, who was selected as one of six men to speak in the Carpenter Prize Oratorical Contest, won second place, and was also selected to speak in the Hicks' Prize Debate. Brother Sprague has also submitted an oration for the New England Oratorical Contest.

Brother Steel is playing center field on the freshman baseball team. They have two victories and no defeats.

During the last week in March, Brothers Leonard and Gould took part with other college and high school students to the number of seven hundred, in the musical extravaganza "The College Hero," which was staged in the Providence Opera House for the benefit of the Sprague House Association.

A set of "rushing" rules were drawn up by the Inter-fraternity Council, but were rejected by the majority of the fraternities. The committee is at work on a new set now.

We wish to extend our sympathies to Ohio Delta in the loss of their chapter.

In closing, Rhode Island Alpha wishes all brothers a happy and

pleasant summer vacation; success and rapid progress to those who go forth to take up the toils of life; and a happy and successful college year to those who return for more knowledge in September.

As one of the seniors of Rhode Island Alpha, I can say that the brief year as brothers in $\Sigma \Phi E$ has done us a world of good and we shall give up the active work of our chapter in June with much sorrow.

Fraternally,

Adrian G. Gould,

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Meets Every Tuesday, 7.00 p. m., in the Chapter House, 1335 S. State Street.
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The writing of this letter takes place at a time when the house is almost deserted. Our Easter vacation began on the 4th of April, and by the afternoon of that date over three-fourths of the brothers had departed from Ann Arbor. As vacation only lasts ten days, everybody is doing all he can to make them count.

Since the last letter several new men have been initiated, whom we are pleased to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Initiated March 15th:

Frank Palmer Graham, C. E., '14, Detroit, Mich.

Arthur Feath Lowry, Dentistry, '11, St. Claire, Mich.

Peter Emanuel Nelson, Law, '13, Irvine, Penna.

Alan Dean Honey, A. E., '15, St. Joseph, Mich.

Bernard Stanley Hone, Lit., '15, St. Joseph, Mich.

Hayden Rupert Luther, Lit., '16, New Kensington, Penna.

Of these Brothers Graham and Lowry are old alumnae of the former Keystone local. Brother Nelson was also one of our old members, but unable to be present at our first initiation, while of the new men Brother Honey is now Art Editor of the *Michigan Gargoyle*.

As the time for the Spring sports draws near a number of the brothers are beginning to bestir themselves. Brothers Metzger and Thomas have been using each other to practice on in tennis whenever the weather would permit, and we expect to see one or both on the Varsity tennis team this year.

We have also pledged four new men, one of whom is a likely baseball candidate, and another of whom will undoubtedly take honors in track next year, if not this year.

Our one misfortune these last two months was the loss of Brother Haas. Early in the semester he was taken sick and was compelled to return home, and will probably not get back this year, although we sincerely hope to have him with us again after Spring vacation.

A short time ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother F. S. Balyeat, an alumnus of the Ohio Gamma Chapter, now connected with the sales department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, of East Pittsburgh, Penna. We were sorry that Brother Balyeat could not make a more extended visit, but thoroughly enjoyed the short time that he was able to remain with us.

On March 28th, 29th, and 30th we held our initial house party. This being our first social venture since our rebirth, all the brothers put forth their best efforts to make it a success, and I am sure all were gratified at the result. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 28th the boys brought their friends to the house, having been preceded by the chaperones. From then until Sunday evening the bevy of fair ones made the house a place of jollity.

On Friday night we held a formal dance and so thoroughly did everyone enjoy himself that the strains of the "home waltz" floated through the air before anyone realized that the end of the happy event was drawing nigh.

On Saturday afternoon we attended in a body "Contrarie Mary," an opera composed and presented by the students of the university under the auspices of the University of Michigan Union. In the evening we held an informal dance, which was as much of a success in its line as the one of the preceding night.

Sunday was a day of continual good time, marred only by the end coming too soon. After the evening meal farewells were said and the members of the chapter speeded the guests upon their homeward way. After the last guest had departed the brothers gathered around the dying embers on the hearthstone and unanimously vowed to hold another such affair at the earliest possible opportunity.

We were extremely fortunate in having for chaperones Brother Leidig and wife, of Detroit, and Mrs. Cross, of Ann Arbor, mother of Brother Henry Thomas. In this writing we wish to express our appreciation of their cordially rendered services. Brothers Fisher and Burnside, of Detroit, honored us by attending, and the spirit these men showed will always be remembered as that which we are proud to find existing among the Sigma Phi Epsilon alumni.

Four of the brothers, who had engaged friends from the district in Ohio and Pennsylvania so recently devastated by floods, were disappointed at the last minute by learning that it was impossible for these expected guests to reach Ann Arbor. This cast a gloom over the event, which was, to a certain extent, soon lifted by these boys making other arrangements to attend, thus adding to the pleasure of the more fortunate members.

In this our last letter of the school year we wish to every member of our sister chapters continued happiness and success, and our wish is that every brother may spend a very pleasant and prosperous summer vacation.

Faternally,

H. T. Baker,

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Since our last letter to THE JOURNAL, a great many events have taken place equally important to Iowa Wesleyan and Iowa Alpha.

March 18th, shortly before the spring vacation, we held our first initiation, and we wish to introduce at this time:

Edward Dietrich Wahl, Arts, '16, Victor, Iowa.

Edwin George Taylor, Arts, '16, Burlington, Iowa.

Ronald E. Johnson, Arts, '16, Agency, Iowa. *

Laurence M. Truitt, Arts, '16, Agency, Iowa.

Initiated April 5th:

Clarence Edwin Hagie, Arts, '13, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Iowa Alpha is justly proud of her orator, Brother D. R. Heller. To him has come the honor of winning the State Oratorical Contest,

an honor which has been won by a Wesleyan man only four times in the history of the college. The contest was held on March 7th,



FLOYD HAGIE, '15,
Left Forward, First
Season.



EDWARD WAHL, '16,
Forward and Guard,
First Season.

in Des Moines, and was a hotly fought battle. Heller has been handicapped in many ways, but his hard work and never-give-up determination enabled him to win.

In other forensic activities, Iowa Alpha has not been idle. On March 14th Brother Stanley Newell led the negative intercollegiate debating team to victory against Simpson College. Brother Bert Jordan was a member of this team and won his first spurs in debating.

In the sophomore tryout Brother Columbus Hayes won a place on the sophomore debating team. Brother Edwin Taylor, also, proved his ability by drawing a place on the freshman team.



E. A. LAUTERBACH, '13,
Right Guard, Ex-Captain;
Best Individual Record.



DR. R. E. LEUBBERS
Faculty Member.



DANIEL B. HELLER,
Winner State Oratorical
Contest.

Wesleyan made a good record this year in basket-ball. Iowa Alpha was represented on the team by Brothers Lauterbach, F. Hagie, and Wahl. Lauterbach played his last season this year and finished with the best individual record on the team.

The Iowa Wesleyan Glee Club has just returned from a two-

weeks' tour. Brothers Wahl, Neutzman, Newell, F. Hagie, Laird Hagie, and Pledge Grant sang with the Club. Newell was also a member of the college quartette.



H. STANLEY NEWELL,
Leader College Debating
Team.

Dr. R. E. Leubbers, chair of Economics, alumnus member of the Iowa Alpha, sails for Germany the 15th of May, where he will spend the coming year in study at the University of Berlin.

Iowa Alpha wishes to express her appreciation of the friendly fraternal interest which other chapters have shown toward the youngest chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. She wishes to express a similar interest in all of the activities of other sub-chapters.

Fraternally,

Stanley Newell,

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